FORMS OF DEVOTION

IN

SCRIPTURE LANGUAGE.

IN THREE PARTS.

PART I.

Containing General Prayers, conſiſting of Adoration, Confeſſion, Petition, and Thankſgiving, —in Number Thirty-three.

PART II.

Containing Prayers for obtaining the moſt eminent Virtues of the Chriſtian Life,—in Number Twenty-five.

PART III.

Containing Occaſional and Interceſſory Prayers, —in Number Forty-three.

COMPOSED FROM THE SCRIPTURES.

Not in the words which man's wiſdom teacheth, but which the Holy Spirit teacheth, comparing ſpiritual things with ſpiritual. 1 COR. ii. 13.

Lord, teach us to pray. LUKE xi. 1.

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PREFACE.

As the following prayers are compoſed in ſcripture language, it is preſumed that the materials will be unexceptionable to chriſtians of all denominations. But as to the choice and arrangement of theſe, the Reader muſt judge for himſelf.

There are only three methods of prayer, viz. reading, repeating, and extempore effuſions. They who have been accuſtomed to the firſt, may uſe the following prayers without any reaſonable objection: for by reading them with a ſerious and devout heart, every pious ſentiment and virtuous affection recommended in the holy ſcriptures may be excited, improved, and confirmed. This method of prayer

may be highly uſeful to thoſe in particular, whoſe circumſtances in life will not allow them much time to furniſh their underſtandings with a large ſtock of religious knowledge, and who cannot expreſs themſelves with propriety of language. A conſcious deficiency in theſe two reſpects is probably one reaſon, why many chriſtians live in an almoſt total neglect of prayer. For ſurely it would be much better for thoſe who are weak in the faith, and know little of religion, to kneel devoutly, and read ſeriouſly, in their cloſets or in their families, the following prayers, than not to pray at all. Beſides, the daily reading of theſe prayers would gradually encreaſe their knowledge in religion, bring to their remembrance the various duties of the chriſtian life, and improve their minds in every holy and virtuous diſpoſition.

As for thoſe who ſcruple at the reading of prayers, and chooſe only to repeat them from memory, the following may be of great uſe, as they furniſh the reader with great variety, in a language familiar and unexceptionable to all.

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Theſe materials may be arranged and diverſified a thouſand ways; the prayers may be lengthened or abbreviated according to pleaſure.

But as there are many who are prejudiced againſt reading, and find it too difficult to compoſe, to commit to memory, and to repeat their prayers in any great variety, and who therefore uſe no other forms of prayer but ſuch as their own memories, circumſtances, and internal feelings do immediately ſuggeſt to them; to theſe alſo, it is preſumed, the following prayers may be no leſs uſeful: for if they are only read frequently and with attention, the ſentiments and language therein contained will readily occur to the mind in the time of theſe extempore effuſions, and they will be able to expreſs themſelves with propriety upon every occaſion.

But though theſe different modes of prayer be uſed by different perſons, all the three ſeem to be uſeful upon different occaſions. To be confined entirely to reading is certainly wrong, as circumſtances may happen when it

may be highly proper to pray, and yet impoſſible to read. Moreover, an uniform practice of reading ſtifles all invention, renders memory uſeleſs, and ſuppreſſes many of thoſe pious ſentiments which naturally ariſe from inward feelings, and the endleſs variety of outward circumſtances.

To pray always in a ſet form of words, pre-compoſed and committed to memory, is liable to the ſame objections. Beſides, it requires a more tenacious memory than is common to men, in order to afford that variety which the different circumſtances and occurrences of life may require. It ought to be remembered alſo, that extempore prayer requires a ready invention, a fluency of language, a fervour of devout affections, a delicacy of inward feelings, and a lively perception of external circumſtances. Without theſe it muſt be extremely languid, dull, and imperfect: for the mind is liable to great variations from different cauſes. Its powers do not always act with the ſame vigour, nor is it always in a tone or temper fit for devotion.

tion. It is ſubject to great elevations and depreſſions. When in the ſituation laſt mentioned, extempore prayer will be attended with heſitation and perplexity. In that caſe reading of prayer may be exceedingly uſeful, to excite devout ſentiments, holy and virtuous affections, and to recover it from that depreſſion which formerly hung upon it. It will be found from experience therefore, that by the frequent and ſerious reading of theſe prayers, the memory will be furniſhed with ſuitable expreſſions upon every occaſion, the devout affections will be elevated, and the mind prepared for ſuch extempore effuſions as different circumſtances and occaſions may require.

As the general prayers in the firſt part are the longeſt, any one of thoſe in the ſecond or third parts may be ſubjoined or inſerted into them as the reader thinks proper. By changing the plural number into the ſingular, they will ſerve for private as well as public devotion, except in a few inſtances which every intelligent perſon will eaſily diſcern; ſo that they may be

be uſed in the cloſet, in the family, or in the pulpit.

In the following prayers there are none of thoſe obſcure and difficult doctrines which divide and diſtinguiſh the different ſects of chriſtians. Or if there be, they are expreſſed in ſcripture language, and can give no offence to any party, as every one may underſtand them in what ſenſe he thinks beſt.

Finally, the deſign of this collection is to aſſiſt and promote a ſpirit of devotion, the practice of piety, virtue, and true religion among all chriſtians. It is intended as a feeble effort towards what may be done in this way to far greater perfection, by ſome more able and judicious hand.

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PART I.

Containing GENERAL PRAYERS.

PRAYER FIRST.

WE adore thee, O Lord God Almighty, who waſt from everlaſting, from the beginning, or ever the earth was. When there were no depths, no fountains abounding with water; before the mountains were ſettled, before the hills were brought forth; while as yet thou hadſt not made the earth, nor the fields, nor the higheſt part of the duſt of the world; even from everlaſting to everlaſting thou art God. Thine eyes are in every place, beholding the evil and the good; hell and deſtruction are before thee, ſo are the hearts of the children of men.

We bleſs thy name, O Lord our God, who haſt viſited and redeemed us, and haſt raiſed

up an horn of ſalvation for us in the houſe of thy ſervant David; as thou haſt ſpoken by the mouth of thy holy prophets, who have been ſince the world began. For thou haſt ſo loved the world, as to give thine only begotten Son, that whoſoever believeth on him might not periſh, but have everlaſting life. Thou didſt not ſend thy Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be ſaved.

Seeing therefore thy grace, which bringeth ſalvation, hath appeared unto us, may we be careful to deny all ungodlineſs and worldly luſts, and to live ſoberly, righteouſly, and piouſly in this preſent world, looking for the bleſſed hope, and glorious appearing of thee the great God, and our Saviour Jeſus Chriſt. For this end may we endeavour to imitate him, who was holy, harmleſs, undefiled, ſeparate from ſinners, and is now made higher than the heavens.

Preſerve us, we beſeech thee, from ſinning willfully againſt the knowledge of the truth; remembering that if we do ſo, there remaineth no more ſacrifice for ſin, but a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation, which ſhall devour the adverſaries of truth and righteouſneſs.

Enable us therefore to gird up the loins of our mind, to be ſober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto us at the revelation of Jeſus Chriſt; as obedient

dient children, not faſhioning ourſelves according to our luſts in ignorance, but as thou who haſt called us, art holy, ſo may we be holy in all manner of converſation.

Lord, grant we may be inclined to bear one another's burdens, to ſympathize with one another in our afflictions, and ſo fulfill the law of Chriſt, who commanded us to love one another even as he alſo loved us. Lord, make us to encreaſe and abound in love one towards another, and towards all men, that our hearts may be eſtabliſhed unblameable in holineſs before thee, our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt with all his ſaints.

We confeſs, O Lord, that we have all ſinned, and come ſhort of thy glory; for though we have known thee, yet we have not glorified thee as God, neither have we been duly thankful, but have been vain in our imaginations, fooliſh in our hearts, and wicked and diſobedient in our lives.

O Lord, we beſeech thee forgive our iniquities, and cleanſe us from all unrighteouſneſs. Let us never be led away with the error of the wicked, nor fall from our ſtedfaſtneſs in the faith; but may we grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jeſus Chriſt, to whom be glory both now and for ever. *Amen.*

PRAYER SECOND.

O Lord, we deſire to worſhip and adore thee, for thou art a great God, and great King above all gods. In thy hand are the deep places of the earth, the ſtrength of the hills is thine, the ſea is thine for thou madeſt it, and thy hands formed the dry land. Thou art great, and greatly to be praiſed and to be feared above all Gods; for all the Gods of the heathens are idols; but thou haſt made the heavens and the earth, the ſea and the dry land: clouds and darkneſs are round about thee, righteouſneſs and judgment are the habitation of thy throne.

O Lord, thou art high above all nations, and thy glory is above the heavens. Who is like unto thee who dwelleſt on high, who humbleſt thyſelf to behold the things that are in heaven and in the earth. Thou art not a God that haſt pleaſure in wickedneſs, neither ſhall evil dwell with thee.

Grant therefore that we may walk uprightly, work righteouſneſs, and ſpeak the truth in our heart. May we never backbite with our tongue, nor do evil to our neighbour, nor take up a reproach againſt him. Lord, guide us in the path of life, for in thy preſence is fullneſs of joy, and at thy right hand are pleaſures for evermore. Keep us

as the apple of the eye, hide us under the ſhadow of thy wings, preſerve us from the malice of the wicked, from the men of this world, who have their portion only in this life.

Keep us alſo from entering into the path of the wicked, from going in the way of evil men; may we avoid it with all poſſible care, and walk in the path of the juſt, which is as the ſhining light that ſhineth more and more unto the perfect day.

We thank thee, O Lord our God, for the glorious goſpel of Jeſus Chriſt; that, according to thine ancient promiſe, there came forth a rod out of the ſtem of Jeſſe, and that a branch grew out of his roots. We bleſs thee for thy mercy to us through him, that thy ſpirit did reſt upon him, even the ſpirit of wiſdom and underſtanding, the ſpirit of counſel and might, the ſpirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord. Grant that the ſame ſpirit may dwell in us according to our need, that, in imitation of his example, righteouſneſs may be the girdle of our loins, and faithfulneſs the girdle of our reins. Incline our hearts to follow his ſteps, to learn of him who was meek and lowly in heart, that we may find reſt unto our ſouls.

Lord, grant that we may be ſtrengthened with might by thy ſpirit in the inner man; that Chriſt may dwell in our hearts by faith; that we, being rooted and grounded in love,

may be able to comprehend with all ſaints, what is the breadth and length and depth and height, and to know the love of Chriſt, which paſſeth knowledge, that we may be filled with all the fullneſs of God.

O Lord, remember not againſt us our former iniquities. Let thy tender mercy prevent the puniſhment we have deſerved. Help us, O God of our ſalvation, for the glory of thy name, and deliver us, and purge away our ſins for thy name's ſake.

Lord, direct our ways that we may keep thy law; then ſhall we not be aſhamed, when we have reſpect to all thy commandments. Deal bountifully with us, that we may live and keep thy word: open the eyes of our underſtandings, that we may behold wondrous things out of thy law. Preſerve us from reproach and contempt. Let thy teſtimonies be our delight and our counſellors. Teach us, O Lord, the way of thy ſtatutes, and we ſhall keep it unto the end; give us underſtanding, and we ſhall keep thy law, yea we ſhall obſerve it with our whole heart. Make us to go in the path of thy commandments, and to delight therein. Incline our hearts unto thy teſtimonies, and not to covetouſneſs. May we eſteem the law of thy mouth better unto us than thouſands of gold and ſilver.

O Lord, hear our prayers, we beſeech thee, for thou art able to do exceedingly above all that

that we can aſk or think, according to thine almighty power: and unto thee, the ſupreme God and Father of all, be glory in the church by Jeſus Chriſt, throughout all ages world without end. *Amen.*

PRAYER THIRD.

O Lord our God, how excellent is thy name in all the earth, who haſt ſet thy glory above the heavens. When we conſider the heavens the work of thy fingers, the moon and the ſtars which thou haſt ordained; what is man that thou art mindful of him, and the ſon of man that thou viſiteſt him? Thou haſt made him a little lower than the angels, and haſt crowned him with glory and honour: thou madeſt him to have dominion over the work of thy hands; thou haſt put all things under his feet.

O Lord God of hoſts, who is a ſtrong Lord like unto thee? Thou ruleſt the raging of the ſea; when the waves thereof ariſe, thou ſtilleſt them. The heavens are thine, the earth alſo is thine; as for the world, and the fullneſs thereof, thou haſt founded them. Thou haſt a mighty arm; ſtrong is thy hand, and high is thy right hand: juſtice and judgment are the habitation of thy throne, mercy and truth ſhall go before thy face.

Many, O Lord our God, are thy wonderful works which thou haſt done, and thy thoughts which are to us ward: they cannot be reckoned in order unto thee; if we ſhould declare and ſpeak of them, they are more than can be numbered.

We have heard with our ears, O God, our fathers have told us what works thou didſt in their days, and in the times of old. Bleſſed be thy name, that when darkneſs had covered the earth, and groſs darkneſs had ſpread over all nations, thou didſt ſend thy Son to redeem us from all iniquity, and to purify us to himſelf a peculiar people, zealous of good works.

We deſire to thank thee with all our hearts, who through thy tender mercy haſt given unto us the knowledge of ſalvation for the remiſſion of ſins; whereby the day-ſpring from on high hath viſited us, to give light to them that ſat in darkneſs, and in the ſhadow of death; to guide our feet in the way of peace. Glory be aſcribed unto thee, O God, in the higheſt, who haſt publiſhed peace on earth, and good will to men.

O let not this be our condemnation, that light came into the world, and that we have loved darkneſs rather than light, becauſe our deeds were evil. Deliver us, we beſeech thee, from all unrighteouſneſs, from fornication, covetouſneſs, and maliciouſneſs; ſave us from envy and deceit; keep us from a proud,

proud, implacable, and unmerciful diſpoſition. Preſerve us from an hard and impenitent heart, treaſuring up wrath againſt the day of wrath, and revelation of thy righteous judgment.

May we obey that form of doctrine which was delivered to us, even the faith once delivered to the ſaints, that being made free from the dominion of ſin, we may become the ſervants of righteouſneſs. Enable us to caſt off the works of darkneſs, and to put on the armour of light, that we may walk honeſtly as in the day, not in rioting and drunkenneſs, not in chambering and wantonneſs, not in ſtrife and envying. But may we put on the Lord Jeſus Chriſt, and make no proviſion for the fleſh to fulfill the luſts thereof.

As we are only ſtrangers and pilgrims on earth, may we carefully abſtain from fleſhly luſts, which war againſt the ſoul; having our converſation honeſt in the world, that others may, by our good works which they ſhall behold, glorify thee in the day of viſitation.

O Lord, hear our prayers, we beſeech thee; hearken to our ſupplications and forgive our iniquities, for we are called by thy name; and unto thee our God and Father, we ſhall aſcribe bleſſing and glory, and wiſdom and thankſgiving, and honour, and power, and might, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

PRAYER FOURTH.

O Lord, thou haſt heen our dwelling-place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadſt formed the earth and the world, even from everlaſting to everlaſting thou art God. Thou turneſt man to deſtruction, and ſayeſt, return ye children of men; for a thouſand years in thy ſight are but as yeſterday, and as a watch in the night. Thou haſt ſet our iniquities before thee, our ſecret ſins in the light of thy countenance; for all our days are paſſed away in trouble, we ſpend our years as a tale that is told. Teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wiſdom. O! ſatisfy us early with thy mercy, that we may rejoice and be glad in thee all our days.

Bleſſed be thy name, O Lord our God, who haſt performed the mercy promiſed to the fathers, and remembered thy holy covenant, even the oath which thou didſt ſwear to Abraham, that in his ſeed all the families of the earth ſhould be bleſſed. Accordingly our eyes have ſeen thy ſalvation, which thou haſt prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the gentiles, and the glory of thy people Iſrael. We have good reaſon to thank thee, who haſt ſaved us, and called

us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to thine own purpoſe and grace, which was given us in Chriſt Jeſus, before the world began.

Lord, incline our hearts to receive thy word, and to hide thy commandments within us, that we may delight in wiſdom, and apply our hearts to underſtanding. May we ſeek for it as for ſilver, and ſearch for it as for hidden treaſure; being aſſured, that in ſo doing we ſhall underſtand the fear of the Lord, and find the knowledge of God.

May we endeavour through the whole of our lives to fear thee, and keep thy commandments, being fully perſuaded that thou wilt bring every work into judgment, with every ſecret thing, whether it be good or whether it be bad. Lord, grant we may frequently meditate upon that awful day which cometh to lay the earth deſolate, and to deſtroy the ſinners thereof out of it; when the ſtars of heaven and the conſtellations thereof ſhall not give their light; when the ſun ſhall be darkened in his going down, and the moon ſhall not cauſe her light to ſhine; when thou wilt puniſh the world for their evil deeds, and the wicked for their iniquity; when thou wilt cauſe the arrogance of the proud to ceaſe, and wilt lay low the haughtineſs of the terrible.

O Lord, we beſeech thee, lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; keep us

us from being drawn away by our own luſts, leaſt we ſhould bring an everlaſting reproach upon ourſelves, and a perpetual ſhame which ſhall not be forgotten.

Enable us to ſtand faſt in the faith, having our loins girt about with truth, and having on the breaſt-plate of righteouſneſs, and our feet ſhod with the preparation of the goſpel of peace; taking the ſhield of faith, wherewith we ſhall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked; having on us for an helmet the hope of ſalvation, and the ſword of the ſpirit; praying always with all prayer and ſupplication, and watching with all perſeverance.

Preſerve us, O Lord, we beſeech thee, from following the example of thoſe men whoſe end is deſtruction, whoſe god is their belly, whoſe glory is in their ſhame, and who mind earthly things. But may our converſation be in heaven, from whence we look for the Saviour, even our Lord Jeſus Chriſt, who ſhall change our vile body, that it may be faſhioned like unto his glorious body, according to the workings whereby he is able to ſubdue all things unto himſelf.

O Lord, though our iniquities teſtify againſt us, have mercy upon us for thy name's ſake, for our backſlidings are many; we have ſinned againſt thee. Be not a terror unto us; thou art our hope in the day of evil. Take not away thy peace from us, even

even thy loving kindneſs and tender mercies, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord and Saviour, to whom be glory and dominion both now and for ever. *Amen.*

PRAYER FIFTH.

WE adore thee, O Lord our God, who haſt prepared the heavens, and ſet a compaſs upon the face of the depth. Thou haſt eſtabliſhed the clouds above, and ſtrengthened the fountains of the deep: thou haſt given to the ſea his decree, that the waters ſhould not paſs thy commandment: thou haſt appointed the foundations of the earth: thy throne is eſtabliſhed of old; thou art from everlaſting: thy teſtimonies are very true; holineſs becometh thine houſe for ever.

We thank thee, O Almighty God and Everlaſting Father, that unto us a child was born, and a ſon given, into whoſe hands thou haſt committed the government of heaven and earth. We rejoice that he humbled himſelf, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the croſs; and that for this cauſe thou haſt exalted him, and given him a name that is above every name, and made him the head of all principality and power.

Seeing thou haſt appointed him heir of all things, may we give the more earneſt heed to the words which he has ſpoken, leaſt

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at any time we ſhould let them ſlip out of our minds. Grant unto us the ſpirit of wiſdom and knowledge, that the eyes of our underſtandings being enlightened, we may know what is the hope of thy calling, and what the riches of the glory of thine inheritance in the ſaints.

Enable us to avoid every thing that is offenſive to thee, and to do that which is good and acceptable in thy ſight, that we may ſtand perfect and compleat in all the will of God.

We confeſs, O Lord, that though thou haſt nouriſhed and brought us up tenderly as thy children, yet we have rebelled againſt thee; we have in many inſtances been more inſenſible and ungrateful than the beaſts of the field to their benefactors: we are a ſinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, a ſeed of evil-doers, children that are corrupters; we have often provoked thee to anger, and have gone backward.

Lord, waſh us from our ſins, and cleanſe us from all iniquity; enable us to put away the evil of our doings from before thine eyes, by ceaſing to do evil, and learning to do well; being aſſured that in ſo doing, though our iniquities be ever ſo great, thou wilt freely forgive them.

Let neither the cares of this world, nor the deceitfulneſs of riches, nor any other ſinful luſts prevent the good effects of the goſpel

goſpel upon our hearts; but may it be like ſeed ſown upon good ground, yielding the peaceable fruits of righteouſneſs in our lives and converſations.

Preſerve us from pride and ambition. May we be meek and lowly, kind and obliging to all men, even as the Son of Man came not to be miniſtered unto, but to miniſter, and to give his life a ranſom for many.

Lord, grant that our love to thee and one another may abound yet more and more, with knowledge and good underſtanding; that we may approve the things that are excellent, and be ſincere, and without offence, till the day of Chriſt, being filled with the fruits of righteouſneſs, which are by him unto thy praiſe and glory.

Strengthen us, O Lord, that we may endure the temptations of this world without being corrupted by them; that when we have been thus tried for a time, we may receive the crown of life which thou haſt promiſed to them that love thee.

And now, O thou God of peace, who didſt bring again from the dead our Lord Jeſus Chriſt, that great ſhepherd of the ſheep, through the blood of the everlaſting covenant; make us perfect, we beſeech thee, in every good work to do thy will, working in us that which is well pleaſing in thy ſight, to whom be glory for ever and ever. *Amen.*

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PRAYER SIXTH.

WE adore thee, O Lord the moſt high God, and we deſire to honour thee who liveſt for ever and ever. Thy kingdom is an everlaſting kingdom, thy dominion is from generation to generation, and all the inhabitants of the earth are as nothing before thee; thou doeſt according to thy will in the army of heaven, and among the inhabitants of the earth, and none can ſtay thy hand, or ſay unto thee, what doeſt thou? All thy works are truth, and thy ways judgment, and thoſe that walk in pride thou art able to abaſe.

O Lord, thou art the great and awful God, keeping covenant and mercy for them that love thee and keep thy commandments. But we have ſinned and committed iniquity, and have done wickedly, and have rebelled even by departing from thy precepts and from thy judgments, neither have we hearkened to thy ſervants the prophets, nor even to thine own Son whom thou haſt ſent to reconcile us unto thyſelf. O Lord, righteouſneſs belongeth unto thee, but unto us ſhame and confuſion of face, becauſe we have ſinned againſt thee.

O Lord, turn our hearts unto thee, that we may keep mercy and judgment, and may wait

wait on thee continually, for thou art of purer eyes than to behold evil, and canſt not look upon iniquity.

Have mercy upon us, O Lord, we beſeech thee, according to thy loving kindneſs, according to the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out our tranſgreſſions, waſh us thoroughly from our iniquity, and cleanſe us from our ſin; create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right ſpirit within us; caſt us not away from thy preſence, and take not thy holy ſpirit from us; grant unto us the joy of thy ſalvation, and uphold us with thy free ſpirit.

Enable us to mortify our members which are upon the earth, even fornication, uncleanneſs of every kind, covetouſneſs, and every inordinate affection; remembering that for theſe things the wrath of God cometh upon the children of diſobedience. But may we follow after righteouſneſs, godlineſs, faith, love, patience, meekneſs, and forgiveneſs. May we prefer above all the ornaments of the body, the ornaments of a meek and quiet ſpirit, which is in thy ſight of great price. Let us never render evil for evil, nor railing for railing, but contrarywiſe, bleſſing; knowing that we are thereunto called, that we may inherit thy bleſſing.

Preſerve us, we beſeech thee, from a proud look, from a lying tongue, from hands that ſhed innocent blood, from an heart that deviſeth

viſeth wicked imaginations, from feet that be ſwift in running to miſchief, from a falſe witneſs that ſpeaketh lies, and from them that ſow diſcord among brethren.

Let us never envy the proſperity of ſinners, but may we live in thy fear all the day long, being aſſured that there is a reward for the righteous, and that their expectations ſhall not be cut off. Seeing our days are few and full of trouble, our work great and difficult, whatever is neceſſary to be done for our future happineſs may we do it with all poſſible diligence, as there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wiſdom in the grave, whither we are all going.

May we be careful to prepare for that great and dreadful day, when the Lord ſhall come with his chariots like a whirlwind, to render his anger with fire, and his rebukes with flaming fire.

And though the mountains ſhould depart, and the hills be removed, let not thy kindneſs depart from us, neither let the covenant of thy peace be removed from us; but may the words of our mouth and the meditations of our heart be always acceptable in thy ſight, O Lord, our ſtrength and redeemer, for thine is the kingdom, the power, and glory, for ever. *Amen.*

PRAYER

PRAYER SEVENTH.

WE adore thee, O Lord our God, for thou art infinitely great, and far above all gods: whatſoever pleaſeth thee, that thou haſt done in heaven and in earth, in the ſeas and in all deep places: thou makeſt the vapours to aſcend from the ends of the earth, ſendeſt lightnings with rain, and bringeſt the winds out of thy treaſure. Thy name, O Lord, endureth for ever, and thy memorial throughout all generations; thy mercy is great unto the heavens, and thy truth reacheth unto the clouds.

Thy kingdom ſhall endure when all the kingdoms of this world and their glory ſhall have an end; for though the heavens ſhall vaniſh away like ſmoke, and the earth ſhall wax old like a garment, and they that dwell therein ſhall die in like manner, yet thy ſalvation ſhall be for ever, and thy righteouſneſs ſhall not be aboliſhed.

O Lord, the ways of man are before thine eyes, and thou pondereſt all his goings: thou loveſt them that love thee, and they that ſeek thee early ſhall find thee; riches and honour are with thee, yea deſirable riches and righteouſneſs; thy ſavour is better than gold, and thy loving kindneſs than choice ſilver: thou leadeſt in the way of right-

righteouſneſs, in the midſt of the path of judgment, that thou mayeſt cauſe thoſe that love thee to inherit everlaſting life.

We thank thee, O Lord our God, for thy unſpeakable gift, even Jeſus Chriſt thy beloved Son, whom thou haſt given for a covenant of the people, for a light of the gentiles, to open the blind eyes, to bring out the priſoners from the priſon, and them that ſat in darkneſs out of the priſon houſe.

Lord, enable us to ſtand faſt in the liberty wherewith he hath made us free, and may we never be brought into bondage under the dominion of our luſts. Deliver us, we beſeech thee, from the power of ſin, that we may be the faithful ſervants of Jeſus Chriſt, having our fruit unto holineſs, and in the end everlaſting life.

As we profeſs to believe thy word, may we alſo obey it from the heart, that we may be clothed with the garments of ſalvation, and covered with the robes of righteouſneſs. Lord, pardon our iniquities, and remember our ſins no more; put thy law in our inward parts, write it in our hearts, that we may all know thee, and faithfully obey thee, from the leaſt even to the greateſt.

Preſerve us from pride and ſelf-conceit. Let none of us think of ourſelves more highly than we ought, but may we think ſoberly according as thou haſt dealt to every man the meaſure of faith; ſeriouſly conſidering, that

that though we are many individuals, yet we are all but one body in Chriſt, and every one members one of another. Grant therefore we may be kindly affectioned one to another, with brotherly love in honour preferring one another; not ſlothful in buſineſs, but fervent in ſpirit, ſerving thee with all our hearts, rejoicing in the hope of eternal life, patient in tribulations, continuing inſtant in prayer, diſtributing to the neceſſity of the ſaints, given to hoſpitality, being of one mind one towards another, in mutual love and good will.

Lord, enable us to do all thoſe things which thou haſt commanded us, without murmurings and diſputings, that we may be blameleſs and harmleſs, the ſons of God without rebuke in the midſt of a crooked and perverſe generation, ſhining as lights in the world. Grant we may thus abide in the faith and obedience of the goſpel, that when Chriſt ſhall appear we may have confidence, and not be aſhamed before him at his coming.

O thou God and Father of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt, who haſt loved us, and given us everlaſting conſolation and good hope through thy mercy, we beſeech thee comfort our hearts, and eſtabliſh us in every good word and work. And unto thee, the King eternal, immortal, and inviſible, the only wiſe God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. *Amen.*

PRAYER

PRAYER EIGHTH.

O Lord, thou art God in heaven and on earth; thou ruleſt over all the kingdoms of the world, and in thine hand there is power and might, ſo that none is able to withſtand thee. O Lord, thou art our rock, thy work is perfect, for all thy ways are judgment: a God of truth, and without iniquity, juſt and perfect art thou.

Thou art ſlow to anger, and great in power, and wilt not at all acquit the wicked. Thy way is in the whirlwind and in the ſtorm, and the clouds are the duſt of thy feet. Who can ſtand before thine indignation, and who can abide the fierceneſs of thine anger? Yet thou art good and gracious, a ſtrong hold in the day of trouble, and thou knoweſt them that truſt in thee.

We thank thee, O Lord our God, who haſt performed the truth unto Jacob, and the mercy to Abraham, which thou hadſt ſworn from the days of old, that in their ſeed all the families of the earth ſhall be bleſſed. Accordingly, when the fulneſs of the time was come, thou didſt ſend forth thy Son, made of a woman, made under the law, that he might redeem them that were under the law, and that we gentiles might receive the adoption of ſons.

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Bleſſed for ever be thy name, O thou God and Father of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt, who haſt bleſſed us with all ſpiritual bleſſings in Chriſt Jeſus, according as thou haſt choſen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we ſhould be holy and without blame before him in love, having predeſtinated us unto the adoption of children by Jeſus Chriſt unto thyſelf, according to the good pleaſure of thy will, to the praiſe of the glory of thy mercy.

Lord, enable us by the diligent practice of every virtue to make our calling and election ſure, that an entrance may be miniſtered unto us abundantly into the everlaſting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jeſus Chriſt. For this end may we take heed unto thy word as unto a light that ſhineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day ſtar ariſe in our hearts. Grant that we may be filled with the knowledge of thy will in all wiſdom and ſpiritual underſtanding, that we may walk worthy of the Lord, unto all pleaſing, being fruitful in every good work, and encreaſing in the knowledge of God; ſtrengthened with all might according to thy glorious power, unto all patience and long ſuffering with joyfulneſs.

Lord, incline our hearts to keep thy law, to live as becometh the diſciples of Chriſt, knowing that we muſt all appear before his judgment ſeat, and receive the things done

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in the body, according to that we have done whether it be good or bad.

Preſerve us from being too anxious in the purſuit of riches, and from loving the wages of unrighteouſneſs, ſeriouſly conſidering that it will profit us nothing, though we ſhould gain the whole world and loſe our own ſouls, and that nothing can be given in exchange for the ſoul.

Teach us to ſet our affections on things above, and not on things on earth, and to live in ſuch a manner, that when Chriſt, who is our life, ſhall appear, we alſo may appear with him in glory.

Let wiſdom enter into our hearts, and knowledge be pleaſant to our ſouls. Let diſcretion preſerve us, and underſtanding keep us, that we may be delivered from the way of the wicked, from them that ſpeak froward things, and leave the paths of righteouſneſs to walk in the way of darkneſs. O let not our ſouls come into their councils, nor our honour be united to their aſſemblies.

Pardon, we beſeech thee, all our iniquities, according to the greatneſs of thy mercy. Lord, bleſs us and keep us from evil; Lord, make thy face to ſhine upon us, and be gracious unto us; Lord, lift up thy countenance upon us, and give us peace, for thine is the kingdom, power, and glory, for ever. *Amen.*

PRAYER NINTH.

O Lord God Almighty, we desire to worship thee, to fear thee, and glorify thy name, for thou hast made heaven and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of water. O Lord, how manifold are thy works! in wisdom hast thou made them all. The earth is full of thy riches; so is the great and wide sea, wherein are living things innumerable great and small. These wait all upon thee, that thou mayest give them meat in due season. That thou givest them they gather; thou openest thine hand, they are filled with good; thou hidest thy face, they are troubled; thou takest away their breath, they die and return to their dust; thou sendest forth thy spirit, they are created, and thou renewest the face of the earth every year.

Blessed be thy name, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for all thy favours, especially for the glad tidings of salvation; that the promise which was made unto the fathers has been fulfilled in Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent to be the Saviour of the world; and that through him is preached to us the forgiveness of sins.

Grant, therefore, that we may turn from our evil ways to serve thee the living God, and wait patiently for thy Son from heaven,

whom thou haſt raiſed from the dead, and who alone is able to deliver us from the wrath to come.

Lord, incline our hearts to live according to the goſpel, ſeriouſly conſidering that thy wrath is therein revealed from heaven againſt all ungodlineſs and unrighteouſneſs of men, who hold the truth in unrighteouſneſs. And ſeeing we have the promiſe of eternal life ſet before us, may we endeavour to cleanſe ourſelves from all filthineſs of the fleſh and ſpirit, perfecting holineſs in thy fear.

O let thy mercy and truth never forſake us; may we bind them upon our neck, and write them upon the table of our heart, that we may find favour and good underſtanding both in the ſight of God and man. Let us never ſeek after the criminal pleaſures, riches, and honours of this world; but may we rather hunger and thirſt after righteouſneſs, which alone can fill our ſouls with joy and peace.

May we never be ſo anxious about food and raiment as to diſtruſt thy providence, remembering that thou provideſt for the fowls of the air, and cloatheſt the lillies of the field: but may we above all things ſeek thy kingdom and the righteouſneſs thereof, being fully perſuaded that in ſo doing all theſe things ſhall be added unto us.

O Lord our God, we confeſs that other lords beſides thee, even our own paſſions, have

have had dominion over us. We acknowledge our wickedneſs, for we have ſinned againſt thee. Do not abhor us, but, for thy name's ſake, pardon our iniquities, and work in us both to will and to do of thy good pleaſure, that we may endeavour in ſincerity and truth to keep thy commandments without ſpot, unrebukeable, until the appearing of our Lord and Saviour Jeſus Chriſt, to whom be glory and dominion now and for ever. *Amen.*

PRAYER TENTH.

WE adore thee, O Lord our God, for thou art very great; thou art clothed with honour and majeſty; thou covereſt thyſelf with light as with a garment. Thou haſt ſtretched out the heavens like a curtain; thou makeſt the clouds thy chariot, and walkeſt upon the wings of the wind. Thou haſt laid the foundations of the earth, that it ſhould not be removed for ever; thou didſt cover it with the deep as with a garment; the waters ſtood above the mountains; at thy rebuke they fled, at the voice of thy thunder they haſted away; thou haſt ſet a bound that they may not paſs over, that they turn not again to cover the earth. Thou ſendeſt the ſprings into the vallies which run among the hills, to give drink to

the children of men and to every beaſt of the field. Thou watereſt the hills from thy chambers, the earth is ſatisfied with the fruit of thy works. Thou makeſt graſs to grow for the cattle, and herbs for the ſervice of man. Thou haſt appointed the moon for ſeaſons; the ſun knoweth his going down.

Many, O Lord our God, are thy wonderful works which thou haſt done, and thy gracious thoughts which are towards us. They cannot be reckoned in order unto thee; if we ſhould declare and ſpeak of them, they are more than can be numbered.

Bleſſed for ever be thy name, that the everlaſting goſpel has been preached to us who dwell upon the earth, and that the apoſtles of our Lord were ſent forth into every nation and kindred, and tongue, and people, to aſſure us that Chriſt hath appeared to put away ſin by the ſacrifice of himſelf.

Grant that we may live as becometh the diſciples of him who was the faithful witneſs, the firſt begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth, who loved us and gave himſelf for us.

Lord, incline our hearts to meditate upon the marvellous works which thou haſt done, on thy wonders, and the judgments of thy mouth, even thy word which thou haſt commanded to a thouſand generations; that we may fear thee, and keep thy commandments;

ments; that it may be well with us and our children after us.

Preſerve us, we beſeech thee, from a wicked and ungodly life. May we ſeriouſly conſider that indignation and wrath, tribulation and anguiſh, ſhall at laſt come upon every impenitent ſinner; but that glory, honour, and peace, ſhall be given to every man that worketh good.

Grant therefore that we may be dead unto ſin, but alive unto God, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. Let not ſin reign in our mortal bodies, that we ſhould obey it in the luſts thereof; but may we yield ourſelves as willing ſervants unto thee, and employ all the powers of our minds as inſtruments of righteouſneſs and doing good in the word. Let us never be deſirous of vain-glory, provoking one another, or envying one another; but may we crucify the fleſh, with the affections and luſts thereof.

Lord, enable us to walk worthy of the vocation wherewith we are called, with all lowlineſs and meekneſs, with long ſuffering, for bearing one another in love, endeavouring to keep the unity of the ſpirit in the bond of peace.

We confeſs, O Lord, that our firſt father hath ſinned, and we all have tranſgreſſed againſt thee. None of us can ſay we have made our heart clean, or that we are pure from our ſin. O Lord, thou art our Father;

we are the clay, and thou our potter, and all are the work of thy hand. Be not wroth very ſore, neither remember our iniquity for ever. Pardon, we beſeech thee, all our tranſgreſſions; and unto thee, the only wiſe God our Saviour, be aſcribed glory and majeſty, dominion and power, now and for ever. *Amen.*

PRAYER ELEVENTH.

O Lord God of hoſts, thou art God, even thou alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth; for thou haſt made heaven and earth, the ſea, and the fountains of water. Thou art wiſe in heart, and mighty in ſtrength: no man hath hardened himſelf againſt thee, and hath proſpered. Thou removeſt the mountains by thy power; thou overturneſt them in thine anger; thou ſhakeſt the earth out of its place, and the pillars thereof tremble. Thou commandeſt the ſun, and it riſeth not, and ſealeſt up the ſtars. Thou alone haſt ſpread out the heavens, and treadeſt upon the waves of the ſea. Thou doeſt great things paſt finding out, yea and wonders without number.

None can by ſearching find thee out; none can find out thee, the Almighty, to perfection. It is high as heaven, what can we do; deeper than hell, what can we ſay; the

the meaſure thereof is longer than the earth, and broader than the ſea.

Thy mercy, O Lord, is from everlaſting to everlaſting upon them that fear thee, and thy righteouſneſs unto children's children; to ſuch as keep thy covenant, and to thoſe that remember thy commandments to do them.

Bleſſed be thy name, O Lord our God, who haſt raiſed up thy Son Jeſus, and ſent him to bleſs us, in turning away every one of us from his iniquities.

Lord, turn our hearts unto thee, that we may keep mercy and judgment, and may wait on thee continually. Enable us to walk circumſpectly, not as fools, but as wiſe, redeeming the time, becauſe the days are evil. Let us never go back from the commandment of thy lips, and may we eſteem the words of thy mouth more than our neceſſary food. While the breath of life is within us, and the ſpirit of God is in our noſtrils, may we never ſpeak wickedly nor utter deceit. Enable us to hold faſt our righteouſneſs, that our hearts may not reproach us ſo long as we live. What we ſee not, Lord, teach thou us; wherein we have done iniquity, may we do ſo no more.

Preſerve us, we beſeech thee, from walking in the counſel of the ungodly, from ſtanding in the way of ſinners, and from ſitting in the ſeat of the ſcornful. May we

delight in thy law, and meditate therein day and night. Cleanſe us, O Lord, from ſecret faults, keep us back alſo from preſumptuous ſins: let them not have dominion over us, that we may be upright and innocent from the great tranſgreſſions.

Teach us thy way, O Lord, and lead us in a plain path. Deliver us not over to the will of our enemies; draw us not away with the wicked, and with the workers of iniquity, who ſpeak peace to their neighbours, while miſchief is in their hearts. Our times are in thy hand; deliver us from the power of our enemies. Let the lying lips be put to ſilence, which ſpeak grievous things proudly and contemptuouſly againſt the righteous. Hide us in the ſecret of thy preſence from the pride of man, and preſerve us from the ſtrife of tongues.

Lord, enable us to put off all anger, wrath, malice, evil ſpeaking, and filthy communication out of our mouth; and may we put on (as becometh the elect of God, holy and beloved) bowels of mercies, kindneſs, humbleneſs of mind, meekneſs, long ſuffering, forbearing one another and forgiving one another, as we expect forgiveneſs from thee. Above all things may we put on charity, which is the bond of perfectneſs; and may the peace of God rule in our hearts, to which we are called in one body; and may we be thankful for all thy mercies.

Deliver

Deliver us, O Lord, we beſeech thee, from every evil work, and preſerve us unto thy heavenly kingdom, through the mediation of our Lord and Saviour Jeſus Chriſt, to whom be glory now and for ever. *Amen.*

PRAYER TWELFTH.

O Lord our God, thou art the bleſſed and only potentate, the king of kings, and lord of lords, who only haſt immortality, dwelling in the light, which no man can approach unto, whom no man hath ſeen or can ſee. Thou haſt made the heaven and the earth by thy great power and ſtretched out arm, and there is nothing too hard for thee. Thou ſheweſt loving kindneſs unto thouſands, and recompenſeſt the iniquity of the fathers into the boſom of their children after them. The great, the mighty God, the Lord of hoſts is thy name; great in counſel, and mighty in work, for thine eyes are upon all the ways of the ſons of men, to give every one according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings.

With thee there is ſtrength and wiſdom; the deceived and the deceiver are thine; thou poureſt contempt upon princes, and weakeneſt the ſtrength of the mighty; thou diſcovereſt deep things out of darkneſs, and bringeſt to light the ſhadow of death; thou encreaſeſt the nations and deſtroyeſt

them; thou enlargeſt the nations, and ſtraitneſt them again.

Thy mercy, O Lord, is in the heavens, and thy faithfulneſs reacheth unto the clouds; thy righteouſneſs is like the great mountains, thy judgments are a great deep. O Lord, thou preſerveſt man and beaſt; how excellent is thy loving kindneſs; therefore the children of men put their truſt under the ſhadow of thy wings.

We thank thee, O Lord our God, who haſt from the beginning choſen us to ſalvation through ſanctification of the ſpirit, and belief of the truth, whereunto alſo thou haſt called us by the goſpel to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt. Let none of us receive thy grace in vain, but may we carefully improve the bleſſings thou haſt freely beſtowed upon us.

Thou haſt not dealt with us after our ſins, nor requited us according to our iniquities; for, as the heaven is high above the earth, ſo great is thy mercy towards them that fear thee. As far as the eaſt is diſtant from the weſt, ſo far do thou remove over tranſgreſſions from us. Lord, forgive all our iniquities, heal all our diſeaſes, redeem our life from deſtruction, and crown us with loving kindneſs and tender mercies.

Bleſſed be thy name, O Lord our God, who, according to thy abundant mercy, haſt begotten us again unto a lively hope, by the reſurrection of Jeſus Chriſt from the dead, to

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an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reſerved in heaven for us. May we be kept by thy power through faith unto that ſalvation which ſhall be revealed at the laſt time.

Grant that by the exceeding great and precious promiſes given unto us in the goſpel, we may become partakers of the divine nature, by eſcaping the corruption that is in the world through luſt; giving all diligence to add to our faith, virtue, knowledge, temperance, patience, godlineſs, brotherly kindneſs, and charity; that theſe things being in us and abounding, we may neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jeſus Chriſt.

Lord, incline our hearts to meditate upon, and to prepare diligently for that awful day of Judgment, when the lofty looks of men ſhall be bowed down, and when thou alone ſhalt be exalted.

Enable us to watch and pray always, that we may be accounted worthy to eſcape the miſeries that ſhall come upon the ungodly, and to ſtand before the ſon of man. For this end let thy grace be ſufficient for us, and thy ſtrength be made perfect in our weakneſs. Preſerve us, we beſeech thee, from covetouſneſs, fornication and all uncleanneſs, from filthineſs and fooliſh talking, and jeſtings which are not convenient.

Let none of us render evil for evil to any man, but may we ever follow that which is good

good, both among ourſelves and to all men. Deliver us, we beſeech thee, from wicked and unreaſonable men. Direct our hearts unto the love of God, and to the patient waiting for Chriſt Jeſus, by whom thou haſt called us unto eternal glory, and through whom we aſcribe unto thy moſt excellent majeſty glory and dominion for ever and ever. *Amen.*

PRAYER THIRTEENTH.

O Lord our God, we deſire to worſhip and adore thee, for there is none like unto thee. Thou art great and thy name is great in might. Who would not fear thee, O king of nations! for to thee doth it appertain, inaſmuch as among all the wiſe men of the nations, and in all their kingdoms there is none like unto thee. Thou art the true God, the living God, and an everlaſting king. At thy wrath the earth ſhall tremble, and the nations ſhall not be able to abide thine indignation.

Thou haſt made the earth by thy power, eſtabliſhed the world by thy wiſdom, and ſtretched out the heavens by thy diſcretion. Thou cauſeſt the vapours to aſcend from the ends of the earth, makeſt lightnings with rain, and bringeſt forth the winds out of thy treaſure.

Thy mercy is great unto the heavens, and thy truth reacheth unto the clouds. Thou haſt

haſt never left thyſelf without witneſs, for thou art continually doing good to all nations, giving them rain from heaven, and fruitful ſeaſons, filling their hearts with food and gladneſs.

We have reaſon to bleſs thee, O Lord our God, who haſt made known to us thy ſalvation. Thy righteouſneſs thou haſt openly ſhewn in the ſight of the nations; thou haſt remembered thy truth and mercy towards the houſe of Iſrael, and the ends of the earth have ſeen thy ſalvation. Thou art perfectly good; thy mercy is everlaſting, and thy truth endureth to all generations.

Who is a God like unto thee that pardoneſt iniquity, and paſſeſt by the tranſgreſſions of thy people? Thou retaineſt not thine anger for ever, becauſe thou delighteſt in mercy. O Lord, have compaſſion upon us; ſubdue our iniquities, and caſt all our ſins in the depths of the ſea.

Lord, enable us, we beſeech thee, to lay aſide every weight, and the ſin which doth moſt eaſily beſet us, that we may run with patience the race ſet before us, looking unto Jeſus the author and finiſher of our faith, who for the joy that was ſet before him, endured the croſs, deſpiſing the ſhame, and is ſet down at thy right hand.

Let thy word be a lamp to our feet, and a light to our path. Uphold us acccording to thy word, that we may live; and let us not be aſhamed of our hope. Preſerve us and

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we ſhall be ſafe; and may we have reſpect unto thy ſtatutes continually. Look upon us and be merciful unto us, as thou uſeſt to do to thoſe that love thy name. Order our ſteps according to thy word, and let not any iniquity have dominion over us. Deliver us from the oppreſſion of man; ſave us from the hands of the wicked.

Lord, preſerve us from bitter envying and ſtrife in our hearts, from that wiſdom which is earthly, ſenſual and deviliſh. May we carefully practiſe that wiſdom which is from above, which is pure and peaceable, gentle and eaſy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocriſy; ſeriouſly conſidering that our life is only a vapour, which appeareth for a little time, and then vaniſheth away.

Grant that the life we live in the fleſh may be by the faith of Jeſus Chriſt, who loved us, and gave himſelf for us. May we account all other knowledge but trifling, when compared with the excellency of the knowledge of Jeſus Chriſt our Lord; and may we be found in him, having that righteouſneſs which is through the faith of the goſpel, even the righteouſneſs which thou wilt approve of in the day of judgment. Enable us to perſevere in our Chriſtian courſe; forgetting thoſe things which are behind, and reaching forth unto thoſe things which are before, may we

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preſs forward to the mark, for the prize of the calling of God in Chriſt Jeſus.

O Lord, hear thou in heaven; forgive our ſins, and grant that our earneſt prayers, and all our good actions may come up as a memorial before thee, through Jeſus Chriſt, to whom be glory and dominion, now and for ever. *Amen.*

PRAYER FOURTEENTH.

O Lord our God, we deſire to worſhip and adore thee, for thou art Lord alone. Thou haſt made heaven, even the heaven of heavens, with all their hoſt, the earth and all things that are therein, the ſeas and all that is therein; and thou preſerveſt them all; and the hoſt of heaven worſhippeth thee. Before thee there was no God, neither ſhall there be after thee. Thou, even thou, art the ſupreme God, and beſides thee there is no Saviour; yea, before the day was, thou waſt, and there is none that can deliver out of thy hand.

Thine eyes, O Lord, are upon the righteous, and thine ears are open to their cry; but thy face is againſt them that do evil to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth, for ſurely thou wilt not do wickedly, neither canſt thou pervert judgment; for the work of a man wilt thou render unto him,

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and cauſe every man to find according to his ways. Thou acceptest not the perſons of princes, nor regardeſt the rich more than the poor, for they all are the work of thy hands.

We are aſſured, O Lord, that thou haſt no pleaſure in the death of the wicked; but deſireſt that the wicked turn from his way and live. Enable us, therefore, to ſearch and try our ways, that we may turn unto thee; for we have often tranſgreſſed and rebelled againſt thee. Lord, take away all our iniquities, and receive us graciouſly; heal our backſlidings, and love us freely, ſo will we render unto thee the obedience of our hearts.

For this end may we have our ſenſes always exerciſed to diſcern good and evil; may we be careful to chooſe the one, and to refuſe the other. Preſerve us, O Lord, from lying lips, which are an abomination to thee; and may we deal truly with all men, for therein is thy delight. Lead us in the way of righteouſneſs, for therein is life. Preſerve us alſo from pride which bringeth contention, and from anger which reſteth in the boſom of fools.

May we endeavour to be followers of God, as dear children, and walk in love, as Chriſt alſo loved us, and gave himſelf for us, an offering and a ſacrifice to God of a ſweet ſmelling ſavour. Lord, grant we may abound in charity out of a pure heart, and a good conſcience, and faith unfeigned; and

and from this firſt of virtues may we never turn aſide unto vain jangling. Preſerve us from being fooliſh and diſobedient, from ſerving diverſe luſts and pleaſures, from living in malice and envy, hateful and hating one another. And whenever we are reproached or oppoſed by fooliſh and wicked men, may we be careful to imitate the example of Jeſus Chriſt, who endured patiently the contradiction of ſinners againſt himſelf; leaſt we be wearied and faint in our minds.

Grant, therefore, that whenever we ſuffer for well-doing, we may take it patiently, remembering that hereunto we are called, becauſe Chriſt alſo ſuffered for us, leaving us an example that we ſhould follow his ſteps, who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he ſuffered threatened not, but committed himſelf to thee the righteous judge of the world. May we rejoice in being made partakers of his ſufferings, that when his glory ſhall be revealed, we may be glad alſo with exceeding joy.

And ſeeing we, according to thy promiſe, look for new heavens and a new earth wherein dwelleth righteouſneſs, may we be diligent that we may be found of him in peace, without ſpot, and blameleſs.

And now, O thou God of all grace, who haſt called us unto thy eternal glory by Chriſt Jeſus, after that we have ſuffered awhile, make us perfect, eſtabliſh, ſtrengthen,

en, and ſettle us: and unto thy moſt excellent majeſty we aſcribe glory and dominion for ever and ever. *Amen.*

PRAYER FIFTEENTH.

WE adore thee, O Lord our God, who art worthy to receive glory, and honour, and power; for thou haſt created all things, and for thy pleaſure they are and were created. By thy word the heavens were made, and all the hoſt of them by the breath of thy mouth. Thou loveſt righteouſneſs and hateſt iniquity. The earth is full of thy goodneſs. Thou turneſt the ſhadow of death into the morning, and makeſt the day dark with night. Thou calleſt for the waters of the ſea, and poureſt them out upon the face of the earth. Jehovah is thy name. Thou covereſt the heaven with clouds; thou prepareſt rain for the earth; thou makeſt graſs to grow upon the mountains; thou giveſt to the beaſt his food, and to the young ravens which cry. Thou, O Lord, art good, ready to forgive, and plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon thee. Among the gods there is none like unto thee, neither are there any works like unto thy works. The day is thine, the night alſo is thine. Thou haſt prepared the light and the ſun; thou haſt ſet all the borders of the earth; thou haſt made ſummer

ſummer and winter. Thou, even thou art to be feared: and who may ſtand in thy ſight when once thou art angry?

It is of thy mercies that we are not conſumed; becauſe thy compaſſions fail not; they are new every morning; great is thy faithfulneſs. O Lord, righteouſneſs belongeth unto thee, but unto us ſhame and confuſion of face, becauſe we have ſinned againſt thee. Thou haſt written unto us the great truths of thy law, and ſet before us the promiſes of the goſpel, yet we have often deſpiſed them. If we ſhould attempt to juſtify ourſelves, our own mouth would condemn us; if we ſhould ſay we are perfect, even that would prove us perverſe. Lord, what is man that he ſhould be clean, and he who is born of a woman, that he ſhould be perfect? Thou putteſt not truſt in thy ſaints; yea the heavens are not clean in thy ſight; how much more abominable and filthy is man, who drinketh iniquity like water!

Lord, awaken us that we may ſeriouſly conſider our evil doings, and turn from our wickedneſs, leaſt we ſhould die and periſh in our iniquities. Give us a juſt ſenſe of our ſins, that we may loath ourſelves for the evils which we have committed in all our abominations.

Lord, give us a right heart and put a new ſpirit within us. Take away the ſtony heart out of our fleſh, and give us an heart of fleſh,

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that we may walk in thy ſtatutes, and keep thine ordinances, and do them. Hear us, O Lord, we beſeech thee, for thou haſt no pleaſure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live.

Lord, ſave us from deſpiſing the riches of thy goodneſs, forbearance and long-ſuffering; knowing that thy goodneſs ſhould lead us to repentance. Let not the god of this world blind our eyes; but may the light of the glorious goſpel of Jeſus Chriſt, who is thy expreſs image, ſhine into our underſtandings and purify our hearts.

Enable us to fight the good fight of faith, that we may lay hold on eternal life, whereunto we are called, and have profeſſed a good profeſſion before many witneſſes. O ſend forth thy light and thy truth, let them lead us, let them guide us to the land of uprightneſs.

Lord, incline our hearts to keep thy law, to ſhew mercy and compaſſion every man to his neighbour. Let none of us oppreſs the widow nor the fatherleſs, the ſtranger nor the poor; and may we never imagine evil againſt any man in our hearts.

Enable us to do all things required of us, without murmurings and diſputings; that we m y be blameleſs and harmleſs, the ſons of God without rebuke in the midſt of a crooked and perverſe generation, among whom we ought to ſhine as lights in the world.

world. For this end, we beſeech thee to keep us from falling, that in the day of judgment we may be preſented faultleſs before the preſence of thy glory with exceeding joy. For thine is the kingdom, power and glory, for ever. *Amen.*

PRAYER SIXTEENTH.

O Lord our God, we adore thee the moſt high God, the poſſeſſor of heaven and earth; for thou haſt created the heavens and ſtretched them out; thou haſt ſpread forth the earth, and that which cometh out of it; thou giveſt breath to the people upon it, and ſpirit to them that dwell therein. Thou haſt formed the mountains, and created the wind. Thou knoweſt the thoughts of all men, turneſt the morning into darkneſs, and treadeſt upon the high places of the earth. The Lord, the God of hoſts is thy name.

Thou, Lord, art worthy to be feared, for thou haſt compaſſed the waters with bounds, until the day and the night come to an end. The pillars of heaven tremble, and are aſtoniſhed at thy rebuke. Thou divideſt the ſea by thy power; and by thy underſtanding thou ſmiteſt through the proud. By thy ſpirit thou haſt garniſhed the heavens. Thy hand hath formed the crooked ſerpent.

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Lo! these are part of thy ways; but how little a portion is heard of thee among men!

What shall we render unto thee, O Lord, for all thy benefits? for thou hast often delivered our souls from death, our eyes from tears, and our feet from falling. Good reason have we to praise thee, for thy merciful kindness is great towards us, and thy truth endureth for ever.

Lord, thou hast visited and redeemed us; thou hast raised up an horn of salvation for us in the house of thy servant David, as thou hast spoken by the mouth of thy holy prophets, who have been since the world began. Blessed be thy great and glorious name, that Jesus Christ was not only delivered for our offences, but that he also rose again for our justification; and that repentance and remission of sins have been preached in his name among all nations. For all we, like sheep, have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way. But thou hast laid on him the iniquities of us all, and hast made his soul an offering for our sins.

May we therefore obtain redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of thy mercy. For this end, we beseech thee to work in our hearts a sincere repentance, that we may turn unto thee the Lord our God; for thou art gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness.

Lord, incline our hearts to live in thy fear, which is the only true wiſdom, and in the knowledge of Jeſus Chriſt, which is the beſt underſtanding; that by theſe our days may be multiplied, and the years of our life may be encreaſed; and that everlaſting happineſs may be our portion in the world to come.

Preſerve us from deſpiſing thy word; for thou haſt aſſured us, that all who do ſo ſhall be deſtroyed. Incline our hearts to keep thy law, which is a fountain of life, that we may depart from the ſnares of death. Lord, let us never ſeek for the wages of unrighteouſneſs; knowing that treaſures of wickedneſs profit nothing, and that righteouſneſs only delivereth from death.

Grant we may be ſober and vigilant, ſtedfaſt in the faith, cloathed with humility, caſting all our care upon thee, who careſt for us. Let our converſation be without covetouſneſs, and may we be content with ſuch things as we have, depending upon thy good providence, that thou wilt never leave us nor forſake us.

O thou Father Almighty, who, without reſpect of perſons, judgeſt according to every man's work, enable us by thy grace to paſs the time of our ſojourning here in fear; remembering that we are not redeemed with corruptible things, but with the precious blood of Chriſt, as of a lamb without blemiſh, and without ſpot. Lord, hear thou in heaven,

ven, forgive our ſins, and grant our ſupplications, through Jeſus Chriſt, who was dead, and is alive, and liveth for ever more. *Amen.*

PRAYER SEVENTEENTH.

WE adore thee, O Lord our God, for thou haſt made the earth, and created man upon it; thou haſt ſtretched out the heavens, and all their hoſt haſt thou commanded. Hell is naked before thee, and deſtruction hath no covering. Thou haſt placed the ſand for the bound of the ſea, by a perpetual decree that it cannot paſs; and though the waves thereof toſs themſelves, yet can they not prevail.

Thou art the confidence of all the ends of the earth, and of them that are afar off upon the ſea; who by thy ſtrength ſetteſt faſt the mountains, being girded with power, who ſtilleſt the noiſe of the ſea, the noiſe of their waves, and the tumult of the people. Thou makeſt the outgoings of the morning and evening to rejoice. O Lord, how awful art thou in thy works! through the greatneſs of thy power ſhall thine enemies ſubmit themſelves unto thee. Thou ruleſt by thy power for ever; thine eyes behold the nations. Thou art often terrible in thy doings toward the children of men. Thine eyes are upon all our ways; they are not hidden from thy

thy face, neither is our iniquity hidden from thine eyes; for thou ſearcheſt the heart, and trieſt the reins, to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings.

O Lord, we confeſs that we have all ſinned againſt thee; we have often forſaken thee, the fountain of living waters, and have made unto ourſelves broken ciſterns that can hold no water. We have deſpiſed thy favour, which alone can make us happy, and have ſought for happineſs in the ſinful pleaſures and criminal enjoyments of this world, which are only vanity and vexation of ſpirit. Our own wickedneſs has often corrected us; our backſlidings have reproved us, and we have all felt by experience what an evil and bitter thing it is to depart from thee, and break thy commandments.

Enable us, we beſeech thee, to fly from the wrath to come, by bringing forth fruits meet for repentance; conſidering ſeriouſly that every tree which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and caſt into the fire. Incline us, O Lord, to hear thy counſel, and receive thy inſtruction, that we may be wiſe at our latter end, remembering that all fleſh is graſs, and that all the glory of man is as the flower of the field.

Bleſſed be thy name for the hope of eternal life, which thou haſt promiſed before the word began, and haſt in due time manifeſted

by the appearing of our Saviour Jeſus Chriſt, who hath aboliſhed death, and brought life and immortality to light by the goſpel. Grant that we may eſcape the pollutions of the world, through the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jeſus Chriſt; and may we never be entangled therein again, and overcome by its temptations. And ſeeing we have known the way of righteouſneſs, may we never turn from the holy commandments delivered unto us.

Look down from thy holy habitation, O Lord, even from heaven, and bleſs us. Enable us to walk in thy ways, to keep thy commandments, and hearken to thy word, that we may at laſt receive the end of our faith, even the ſalvation of our ſouls: for we are thy workmanſhip, created in Chriſt Jeſus unto good works, which thou haſt before ordained that we ſhould walk in them. And now, O thou God of peace, ſanctify us wholly in ſoul and body, and preſerve us blameleſs unto the coming of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt, to whom be glory and dominion for ever. *Amen.*

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PRAYER EIGHTEENTH.

O Lord our God, we desire to worship thee, and to praise thy name, for thou hast done wonderful things. Thy counsels of old are faithfulness and truth. Thou art God, and there is none else, declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done. Thy counsel shall stand, and thou wilt do all thy pleasure.

Thou art great beyond all conception. The nations in thy sight are as the drop of a bucket, and are counted as the small dust of the balance. Thou takest up the isles as a very little thing. Yea all the nations before thee are as nothing. Thou sittest upon the circle of the earth, and the inhabitants thereof are as grasshoppers. Thou stretchest out the heavens as a curtain, and spreadest them as a tent to dwell in. Thou bringest the princes to nothing, and makest the judges of the earth as vanity. Thou exercisest loving kindness, judgment and righteousness in the earth; for in these things thou delightest.

We thank thee, O Lord our God, who hast made us only a little lower than the angels, crowned us with glory and honour, and set us over the work of thy hands. Thou

haſt alſo bleſſed us with all ſpiritual bleſſings in Chriſt Jeſus, according as thou haſt choſen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we ſhould be holy and without blame before him in love.

Enable us to purge ourſelves from all manner of defilement, that we may be veſſels unto honour, ſanctified and made meet for thy ſervice, and prepared unto every good work. May the blood of Chriſt, who through the eternal ſpirit offered himſelf without ſpot unto thee, purge our conſcience from dead works, to ſerve thee the living God.

Lord, ſet thine eyes upon us for good; give us an heart to know thee, and a ſincere inclination to obey thee in all things. May we be endowed with wiſdom and knowledge, and ſhew out of a good converſation our works with meekneſs of wiſdom. For this end, enable us to refrain our tongues from evil, and our lips from ſpeaking guile. May we carefully ſhun evil and do good, ſeek peace and purſue it; for thine eyes are upon the righteous, and thine ears are open to their cry: but thy face is ſet againſt them that do evil, to cut off their remembrance from the earth.

Lord, be merciful unto us, and heal our ſouls, for we have ſinned againſt thee. Withhold not thou thy tender mercy from us. Let thy loving kindneſs and thy truth continually

nually preſerve us; for innumerable evils compaſs us about. Enable us to fly all youthful luſts and ſinful inclinations, that we may follow after righteouſneſs, faith, charity, and peace, with them who call upon the Lord out of a pure heart. Let none of us go beyond or defraud our brethren in any matter, knowing that thou art the avenger of all ſuch. But may we be ſober, putting on the breaſt-plate of faith and love, and for an helmet the hope of ſalvation.

Preſerve us from pride, which goeth before deſtruction, and from an haughty ſpirit, which goeth before a fall. May we chooſe rather to be of an humble ſpirit with the lowly, than to divide the ſpoil with the proud. Let there be no debates, envyings, wrath, ſtrife, backbitings, or whiſperings, among us. But may we follow peace with all men, and holineſs, without which no man ſhall ſee thy face in mercy.

Lord, enable us to love one another, that thou mayeſt dwell in us, that thy love may be perfected in us, and that we may have boldneſs in the day of judgment. Hear our prayers, we beſeech thee; be merciful to our unrighteouſneſs; our ſins and our iniquities remember no more; for thine is the kingdom, power and glory for ever. *Amen.*

PRAYER NINETEENTH.

WE deſire, O Lord our God, to worſhip and adore thee; for thou art gracious and full of compaſſion, ſlow to anger and of great mercy. Thou art good unto all, and thy tender mercies are over all thy works. All thy works ſhall praiſe thee, and thy ſaints ſhall bleſs thee. They ſhall ſpeak of the glory of thy kingdom, and talk of thy power, to make known to the ſons of men thy mighty acts, and the glorious majeſty of thy kingdom. Thy kingdom is an everlaſting kingdom, and thy dominion endureth throughout all generations. The eyes of all wait upon thee, and thou giveſt them meat in due ſeaſon. Thou openeſt thine hand, and ſatisfieſt the deſire of every living thing. Righteous art thou, O Lord, and upright are thy judgments. The teſtimonies which thou haſt commanded, are righteous and very faithful; yea thou art righteous in all thy ways, and holy in all thy works. Thou art nigh unto all who call upon thee, unto all who call upon thee in truth.

Bleſſed be thy name, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, who haſt given us an underſtanding that we might know thee, the only true God, and Jeſus Chriſt whom thou haſt ſent to be a light unto the gentiles, and

to give ſalvation to the ends of the earth. Grant that we may be careful to keep thy commandments, and to do thoſe things that are pleaſing in thy ſight.

For this end may we frequently ſtir up our minds by way of remembrance, that we may be mindful of the words which were ſpoken by the holy prophets, and of the commandments of the apoſtles of our Lord and Saviour Jeſus Chriſt. May we ſeriouſly attend to the perfect law of liberty, and continue to obey it, not being forgetful hearers, but doers of the word, that we may be bleſſed in our deeds. And though we ſhould be poor in this world, may we be rich in faith, and heirs of the kingdom which thou haſt promiſed to them that love thee.

Preſerve us, O Lord, from a covetous and worldly mind. May we ſeriouſly conſider that a man's happineſs conſiſteth not in the abundance of the things which he poſſeſſeth. Teach us therefore to lay up our treaſure in heaven, where neither moth nor ruſt doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through and ſteal. Grant unto us a little with thy fear, rather than great treaſures and trouble of conſcience therewith. May we never attempt to increaſe our wealth by iniquity, remembering that though an inheritance may be gotten haſtily at the beginning, yet the end thereof ſhall not be bleſſed.

Preſerve us, we beſeech thee, from a revengeful ſpirit, and from bearing any grudge againſt our brethren. But may we love our neighbour as ourſelves. Keep us alſo from pride and inſolence. Let not arrogance come out of our mouth, for thou art a God of infinite knowledge, and by thee all actions are weighed in an even balance.

We confeſs, O Lord, that we have often broken thy law, which thou haſt ſet before us, and have not obeyed thy voice; but have walked after the imagination of our own hearts; for all which thou mighteſt juſtly feed us with wormwood, and give us the water of gall to drink. O Lord, though our iniquities teſtify againſt us, have mercy for thy name's ſake; for our backſlidings are many. We have ſinned againſt thee.

O Lord, teach us thy paths; lead us in thy truth, and teach us, for thou art the God of our ſalvation. Remember thy tender mercies and thy loving kindneſſes, for they have been ever of old. Remember not the ſins of our youth, nor our tranſgreſſions, according to thy mercy. Remember us for thy goodneſs ſake, and let thy peace, which paſſeth all underſtanding, keep our hearts and minds, through Jeſus Chriſt, who was dead, and is alive, and liveth for ever more. *Amen.*

PRAYER

PRAYER TWENTIETH.

O Holy, holy, holy Lord God Almighty, who waſt, and art, and ſhalt be the ſame for ever, without any variableneſs or ſhadow of turning, we deſire to worſhip and adore thee; for of old thou haſt laid the foundations of the earth, and the heavens are the work of thy hands. They ſhall periſh, but thou ſhalt endure; yea all of them ſhall wax old like a garment; as a veſture ſhalt thou change them, and they ſhall be changed; but thou art the ſame, and thy years ſhall have no end.

The heavens declare thy glory, and the firmament ſheweth the work of thy hands. Day unto day uttereth ſpeech, and night unto night teacheth knowledge. There is no ſpeech nor language where their voice is not heard; their line is gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. Thy inviſible perfections are clearly ſeen, being underſtood by the things that are made, even thy eternal power and godhead. Thy wiſdom is incomprehenſible; thy judgments are unſearchable, and thy ways paſt finding out.

Bleſſed be thy name, O Lord our God, who hadſt compaſſion on the world, when it ſat in darkneſs and in the region and ſhadow

of death; and who didſt ſend thy Son to open our eyes, to turn us from darkneſs to light, and from the power of ſatan to the knowledge of thee the only true God; that we might receive forgiveneſs of ſins, and an inheritance among them who are ſanctified. We thank thee that he came into the world to ſave us from our ſins, and from the wrath to come; and that for this end he not only preached peace to them that were afar off and to them that were near, but that he alſo died and roſe again from the dead, and became the firſt fruits of them that ſleep in the duſt of the earth; that, as in Adam we all die, ſo in him we may all be made alive at his coming.

Grant therefore that we may be ſtedfaſt and immoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, foraſmuch as we know that our labour ſhall not be in vain in the Lord. May we abound in faith, in knowledge, in all diligence, and in love to one another. Enable us to put away all bitterneſs and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil-ſpeaking, and all malice from our hearts: and may we be kind to one another, tender hearted, forgiving one another as we expect forgiveneſs from thee.

Preſerve us from adultery, fornication, and all uncleanneſs and covetouſneſs. Let them not be once named among us, as becometh ſaints. May we ſo ſpeak and act as they

they that ſhall be judged by the law of liberty; that our faith may be known by our works, and not by our words.

Lord, grant we may be careful to practiſe that religion which is pure and undefiled before thee our God and Father, by ſhewing kindneſs to the fatherleſs and widows in their affliction, and keeping ourſelves unſpotted from the world; that we may always enjoy the teſtimony of a good conſcience rather than great riches, and thy favour rather than ſilver and gold.

Let us not be as children, toſſed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the ſlight of men, and cunning craftineſs, whereby they lie in wait to deceive: but, ſpeaking the truth in love, may we grow up into him in all things, who is the head, even Chriſt Jeſus our Lord.

Enable us, we beſeech thee, to perſevere in holineſs till we come unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jeruſalem, and to the ſociety of an innumerable company of angels, to the general aſſembly and church of the firſt-born, who are written in heaven, and to thee the judge of all, to the ſpirits of juſt men made perfect, and to Jeſus the mediator of the new covenant, to that happy world where there ſhall be no ſin, no pain, nor any more death. For this end may we always endeavour to have a good conſcience, and be willing in all things to live honeſtly.

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Whatſoever things are true, honeſt, juſt, pure, lovely, and of good report, may we frequently meditate upon them, and carefully practiſe them.

O Lord, we beſeech thee, hear our prayers and forgive our iniquities, for we are called by thy name. Incline our hearts to walk in all thy ways, and to keep thy commandments, that it may be well with us for ever; and unto thee, the only wiſe God our Saviour, be aſcribed glory and majeſty, dominion and power, both now and ever. *Amen.*

PRAYER TWENTY-FIRST.

O Lord our God, we deſire to worſhip thee and to call upon thy name; for thou haſt done excellent things. This is known in all the earth. Thou art the Lord our Redeemer, he that formed us from the womb, the God that ſtretched out the heavens alone, and ſpread abroad the earth by thyſelf.

Bleſſed be thy name for ever and ever, for wiſdom and might are thine. Thou changeſt the times and ſeaſons; thou removeſt kings, and ſetteſt up kings; thou giveſt wiſdom to the wiſe, and knowledge to them that know underſtanding. Thou revealeſt the deep and ſecret things; thou knoweſt what is in the darkneſs, and the light dwelleth with thee. Thy kingdom, O Lord,

O Lord, is an everlaſting kingdom, and thy dominion is from generation to generation. Thy thoughts are not as our thoughts, neither are thy ways as our ways; for as the heavens are higher than the earth, ſo are thy ways higher than our ways, and thy thoughts than our thoughts.

Look down from heaven, O Lord, and behold from the habitation of thy holineſs and of thy glory; viſit us, we beſeech thee, with thy ſalvation; for doubtleſs thou art our Father. Though Abraham be ignorant of us, and Iſrael acknowledge us not, thou, O Lord, art our Father and our Redeemer. Thy name is from everlaſting. Guide us, we beſeech thee, by thy ſpirit, leaſt we ſhould err from thy ways, and harden our hearts from thy fear.

We confeſs, O Lord, that we have often turned to thee the back, and not the face. Though thou haſt taught us, riſing up early, and teaching us; yet we have not hearkened to receive inſtruction. We have often come before thee as the people cometh, and ſat before thee as thy people; we have heard thy words, but we have not done them; for with our mouths we have ſhewn much love, while our hearts were going after their own imaginations.

O Lord, we have reaſon to bluſh and be aſhamed when we lift up our faces to thee; for our iniquities are encreaſed, and our tranſ-

tranſgreſſions are greatly multiplied. Yet thou haſt puniſhed us leſs than our iniquities have deſerved; for if thou, Lord, ſhouldſt mark iniquities, who ſhall ſtand? But there is forgiveneſs with thee, that thou mayeſt be feared.

Lord, enable us to break off our ſins by righteouſneſs, and our iniquities by ſincere repentance, that our tranſgreſſions may be blotted out, when the times of refreſhing ſhall come from thy preſence. Incline our hearts to fear thee, to walk in thy ways, to love and ſerve thee by keeping thy commandments, which thou haſt commanded us for our good.

Bleſſed be thy name, who in the fulneſs of time didſt deliver our fathers from the power of heathen darkneſs, and tranſlate them into the kingdom of thy dear Son, that both they and we ſhould not be ſtrangers and foreigners, but fellow-citizens with the ſaints, and of the houſehold of God; and that we are now built upon the foundation of the apoſtles and prophets, Jeſus Chriſt himſelf being the chief corner ſtone.

Grant therefore that we may continue in the faith, grounded and ſettled, and may never be moved away from the hope of the goſpel. And may we always be ready to give an anſwer to every man, that aſketh us a reaſon of the hope that is in us, with meekneſs and fear, having a good conſcience; that

that if any ſhould ſpeak evil of us, as of evil doers, they may by our good works, which they ſhall behold, be aſhamed that falſely accuſe our good converſation in Chriſt.

Lord, hear thou in heaven, and forgive our ſins, and enable us to keep thy commandments, that it may be well with us, and with our children after us. And unto thee our God and father we aſcribe bleſſing and glory, and wiſdom and thankſgiving, and honour, and power and might for ever and ever. *Amen.*

PRAYER TWENTY-SECOND.

WE adore thee, O Lord God Almighty, who haſt created heaven and the things that therein are, and the earth and the things that therein are, and the ſea and the things which are therein. For by thy word the heavens were of old, and the earth ſtanding out of the water and in the water. By thy word the world, which then was, being overflowed with water, periſhed. By thy word alſo the heavens and the earth, which are now, are kept in ſtore, reſerved unto fire againſt the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.

Thy word, O God, is quick and powerful, ſharper than any two edged ſword, piercing, even to the dividing aſunder of the ſoul and ſpirit, and of the joints and marrow,

row, and is a diſcerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. Neither is there any creature that is not manifeſt in thy ſight; for all things are naked and opened unto thine eyes, with whom we have to do.

Bleſſed be thy name, O Lord our God, who haſt given unto us all things, that pertain unto life and godlineſs, throughout the knowledge of him, that hath called us to glory and virtue. May we draw near unto thee with a true heart, in full aſſurance of faith, having our hearts ſprinkled from an evil conſcience. Holding faſt the profeſſion of our faith without wavering, may we provoke one another to love and to good works. Let nothing be done among us through ſtrife and vain glory, but in lowlineſs of mind may each of us eſteem others better than ourſelves.

Lord give unto us one heart and one way, that we may fear thee for ever for our good, and the good of our children after us. May the law of truth be in our mouths, and let no iniquity be found in our lips; but may we walk before thee in peace and righteouſneſs all the days of our lives. Grant unto us a meek and lowly ſpirit, with an abhorrence of all anger, pride and revenge. May we be merciful and compaſſionate to all men, as we ſtand in need of thy mercy and compaſſion ourſelves. Preſerve us from judging one another raſhly and uncharitably; but may

may we ſeriouſly conſider that the day is coming, when we ourſelves ſhall be judged. Enable us to do unto all men as we would that they ſhould do unto us.

We confeſs, O Lord, that even though we had done all thoſe things, which thou haſt commanded us, yet we would be unprofitable ſervants; for no man can be profitable unto thee, as he that is wiſe may be profitable to himſelf. Lord, we have been unfaithful and diſobedient; we have oftentimes hated knowledge, and did not chooſe the fear of the Lord. We have frequently rejected thy counſel, and deſpiſed thy reproofs.

We beſeech thee cleanſe us from all our iniquity, whereby we have ſinned againſt thee, and pardon all our iniquities, whereby we have tranſgreſſed againſt thee. Incline our hearts to love thee, and to walk in thy ways, and to keep thy commandments, and to ſerve thee with all our heart and with all our ſoul. May we ſeriouſly meditate in thy law day and night, that we may obſerve to do according to all that is written therein.

Preſerve us from every willful tranſgreſſion; for the way of the wicked is an abomination to thee, but thou loveſt them that follow after righteouſneſs. Keep us in the way of truth, for we are certain that he who wandereth out of the way of underſtanding ſhall remain in the congregation of the dead.

Lord,

Lord, remove far from us vanity and lies. Give us neither poverty nor riches, but feed us with food convenient for us; and may we learn in whatsoever state we are, therewith to be content. Enable us, we beseech thee, to submit patiently to all the dispensations of thy providence, being fully assured that all things work together for good to them that love thee. Preserve us from being led away with the error of the wicked; but may we grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, to whom be glory and dominion now and for ever. *Amen.*

PRAYER TWENTY-THIRD.

O Lord, thou art the first and the last, and besides thee there is no God. Thou art Lord of heaven and earth; for thou hast made the world and all things therein. Thou dwellest not in temples made with hands, neither art thou worshipped by men as tho' thou needest any thing; for thou givest unto all life and breath and all things, and hast made of one blood all nations of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hast determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation, that they might seek after thee and find thee; for thou art not far off from every one of us; for in thee we live, and move, and have our being.

Thou

Thou haſt made us and faſhioned us. Thou haſt cloathed us with fleſh and ſkin, and fenced us with bones and ſinews. Thou haſt given us life and favour, and thy viſitation hath preſerved our ſpirits. Thou alſo giveſt wiſdom; out of thy mouth cometh knowledge and underſtanding. Thou layeſt up ſound wiſdom for the righteous; thou art a buckler to them that walk uprightly. Thou keepeſt the paths of judgment, and preſerveſt the way of thy ſaints.

We deſire, O Lord, to preſent our bodies a living ſacrifice, holy and acceptable unto thee, which is our reaſonable ſervice; not conforming ourſelves to this world, but being transformed by the renewing of our minds, that we may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of thine. For this end may we take heed to ourſelves, leaſt there be in any of us an evil heart of unbelief in departing from thee, the living God. But may we exhort one another daily, while it is called to day, leaſt any of us be hardened through the deceitfulneſs of ſin.

O thou Father Almighty, who without reſpect of perſons judgeſt according to every man's work, enable us to paſs the time of our ſojourning here in fear; foraſmuch as we were not redeemed with corruptible things, but with the precious blood of Chriſt as of a lamb without ſpot and blemiſh. Grant that our hearts may be purified in obeying the truth;

truth; and may we love one another with a pure heart fervently.

Let us not judge nor deſpiſe one another, ſeeing we muſt all ſtand before the judgment ſeat of Chriſt. May we follow after the things, which make for peace, and things wherewith we may edify one another. Lord, grant we may be like minded one towards another, after the example of Chriſt Jeſus, that we may with one mind and one mouth glorify thee, the father of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt. Enable us to avoid all diviſions and offences, contrary to the Goſpel which we have received, being wiſe to that which is good, and ſimple concerning evil.

As we are not our own, but bought with a price, may we be careful to glorify thee in our body and ſpirit, which are thine. Lord, ſuffer us not to be tempted above what we are able to bear; but do thou with the temptation alſo make away to eſcape that we may be able to bear it. May we ſeriouſly conſider that the day is coming when thou wilt whet thy glittering ſword, and thine hands ſhall take hold on judgment; when thou wilt render vengeance to thine enemies, and requite all that hate thee. Grant therefore, that we may take heed to ourſelves, leaſt at any time our hearts ſhould be overcharged with ſurfeiting, and drunkenneſs, and the cares of this life, and that day ſhould come upon us unawares.

Thou

Thou, O Lord, remaineſt for ever, and thy throne from generation to generation. Forſake us not, O Lord, we beſeech thee; turn us unto thee, and we ſhall be turned. Pardon our iniquities according to the greatneſs of thy mercy, and in the multitude of perplexing thoughts within us let thy comforts delight our ſouls.

Let thy goodneſs and mercy follow us all our days; and after death may we have an entrance abundantly miniſtered to us into the everlaſting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jeſus Chriſt, to whom be glory and dominion now and for ever. *Amen.*

PRAYER TWENTY-FOURTH.

O Lord, thou art the God of the ſpirits of all fleſh. There is no God in heaven or on earth, that can do according to thy works; or thou doeſt great things and unſearchable, marvellous things without number. Thou giveſt rain upon the earth, and ſendeſt waters upon the fields. Thou ſetteſt up on high thoſe that be low, and thoſe who mourn thou exalteſt to ſafety. Thou diſappointeſt the devices of the crafty, ſo that their hands cannot perform their enterprize. Thou takeſt the wiſe in their own craftineſs, and by thee the counſel of the froward is often carried headlong.

Thou

Thou killeſt and makeſt alive; thou bringeſt down to the grave, and bringeſt up again. Thou makeſt poor and makeſt rich, bringeſt down and lifteſt up according to thy good pleaſure. It is eaſy with thee to raiſe up the poor out of the duſt, and to lift up the beggar from the dunghil; to ſet them among princes, and make them inherit the throne of glory; for the pillars of the earth are thine, and thou haſt ſet the world upon them.

Lord, thou art a ſpirit, and the father of ſpirits. We deſire therefore to worſhip thee in ſpirit and in truth. Incline our hearts, we beſeech thee, to ſeek for, and to walk in the old paths, even in the good way of truth and righteouſneſs, that we may find reſt unto our ſouls.

Let thy grace be ſufficient for us, and thy ſtrength be made perfect in our weakneſs; ſo that in ſimplicity and godly ſincerity, not with fleſhly wiſdom, but according to the grace of God, we may have our converſation in the world, abounding in love, joy, peace, ſuffering, gentleneſs, goodneſs, faith, meekneſs and temperance.

We confeſs, O Lord, that we have all ſinned, and come ſhort of thy glory, for if we ſhould ſay that we have no ſin, we would only deceive ourſelves, and the truth would not be in us. For though thou haſt planted us a noble vine, wholly a right ſeed, yet we have

have turned into the degenerate plant of a ſtrange vine. Thou haſt made man upright, but we have found out many inventions to corrupt ourſelves. Lord, we deſerve to lie down in ſhame, and to be covered with confuſion; for we have ſinned againſt thee, both we and our fathers from our youth, and have not obeyed the voice of the Lord our God, as we ought to have done.

It is of thy mercies, that we are not conſumed; becauſe thy compaſſions fail not; they are new every morning, great is thy faithfulneſs. Lord awaken us that we may remember our evil ways, and our doings, which have not been good; and may beath ourſelves in our own ſight for our iniquities, and for all our abominations.

Bleſſed for ever be thy name, who haſt raiſed up thy ſon Jeſus Chriſt, and ſent him to bleſs us in turning away every one of us from his iniquities. May we have that godly ſorrow which worketh repentance to ſalvation, and not the ſorrow of the world, which worketh death. Enable us by a true converſion to flie for refuge, that we may lay hold upon the hope ſet before us. And may this hope be to us as an anchor of the ſoul, ſure and ſteadfaſt, to ſupport us under the various trials of this preſent life.

Lord, grant we may chooſe rather to ſuffer affliction with thy people in this world, than to enjoy the pleaſures of ſin for a ſeaſon.

ſon. And may the trial of our faith, being much more precious than that of gold that periſheth, be found unto praiſe, and honour, and glory, at the appearing of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt.

Incline our hearts to walk in thy ways, and to keep thy commandments, that we may have a right to the tree of life, and may enter into the city of the living God.

O Lord, be gracious to us, as we hope in thee. Be thou our defence every morning, our ſalvation alſo in the time of trouble. Let wiſdom and knowledge be the ſtability of the times, and the ſtrength of our ſalvation. May the fear of the Lord be our treaſure. Deal graciouſly with us, O Lord, and grant unto us all things we ſtand in need of for our happineſs in time, and through eternity; for thine is the kingdom, power and glory for ever. *Amen.*

PRAYER

PRAYER TWENTY-FIFTH.

WE adore thee, O Lord our God, for thou haſt ſtretched out the heavens, and laid the foundations of the earth, and formed the ſpirit of man within him. Thou art he that took us out of the womb; thou didſt preſerve us when we were upon our mother's breaſts; we were caſt upon thee from the womb; thou art our God from our infant ſtate.

We adore thee, for thou art the living God and ſtedfaſt for ever. Thy kingdom ſhall not be deſtroyed, and thy dominion ſhall endure through all ages. Thou dwelleſt not in temples made with hands; for heaven is thy throne, and the earth is thy footſtool; and thou art preſent every where. Known unto thee are all thy works from the beginning of the world.

Thou art the faithful God, keeping covenant and mercy with them that love thee and keep thy commandments, to a thouſand generations; but thou wilt repay them that hate thee; for thou art not a man that thou ſhouldſt lie, nor the ſon of man that thou ſhouldſt repent. What thou haſt ſaid thou wilt certainly do; what thou haſt ſpoken thou wilt make good. Thy hand ſhall find out thine enemies; thy right hand

ſhall find out thoſe that hate thee; thou wilt make them as a fiery oven in the time of thine anger; thy wrath ſhall devour them.

We confeſs, O Lord, that we are not worthy of the leaſt of all the mercies, and of all the truth which thou haſt ſhewn unto us. We have ſinned with our fathers; we have committed iniquity, and have done wickedly. we have often abuſed thy long-ſuffering patience, and deſpiſed thy goodneſs. For becauſe ſentence againſt an evil work is not executed ſpeedily, therefore our hearts have been ſtrongly inclined to do evil.

Lord, thou haſt called, and we have not heard; thou haſt ſpoken, and we have not anſwered; but we have done evil before thine eyes, and choſen that wherein thou delighteſt not; for all which thou mighteſt juſtly cauſe us to cry for ſorrow of heart, and to howl for vexation of ſpirit.

Enter not into judgment with us, O Lord; for in thy ſight ſhall no fleſh living be juſtified. Teach us to do thy will, for thou art our God. Thy ſpirit is good; lead us into the land of uprightneſs. Incline our hearts to keep thy law, by doing juſtly, loving mercy, and walking humbly with thee our God.

May we be careful to follow the example of our bleſſed Lord, who was meek and lowly in heart, that we may find reſt unto our ſouls. May we be willing to ſuffer with him

him now, that we may alſo be glorified together with him at his coming; being fully perſuaded that the ſufferings of this preſent time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that ſhall be revealed unto us. Let nothing ever ſeparate us from the love of Chriſt; but may we be ready to endure tribulation, diſtreſs, perſecution, famine, nakedneſs, peril, or ſword, for his ſake. And in all theſe things may we be more than conquerors, through him that loved us, and gave himſelf for us.

O thou Father of mercies and God of all comfort, comfort us in all our tribulations, that we may be able to comfort them who are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourſelves are comforted of thee.

Lord, help our infirmities, for we know not what we ſhould pray for as we ought. Lord, bleſs us and keep us from evil. Lord, make thy face to ſhine upon us, and give us peace. Be our ſhield in this world, and our exceeding great reward in the world to come; for thine is the kingdom, power, and glory, for ever. *Amen.*

PRAYER TWENTY-SIXTH.

O Lord, thou art great, and we know thee not; neither can the number of thy years be ſearched out; for thou waſt from everlaſting, excellent in power, and in judgment, and in plenty of juſtice. Thou art greatly to be feared in the aſſemblies of thy ſaints, and to be had in reverence of all them that are about thee.

O Lord, thou haſt ſearched us and known us; thou knoweſt our down-ſitting and our up-riſing; thou underſtandeſt our thoughts afar off; thou compaſſeſt our path, and our lying down, and art acquainted with all our ways; for there is not a word in our tongue, but lo! O Lord, thou knoweſt it altogether. Thou haſt beſet us behind and before, and laid thine hand upon us. Such knowledge is too wonderful for us; it is high, we cannot attain unto it. Whither ſhall we go from thy ſpirit, or whither ſhall we fly from thy preſence? If we aſcend up into heaven, thou art there; if we make our bed in the grave, behold thou art there; if we take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermoſt parts of the ſea, even there ſhall thy hand lead us, and thy right hand ſhall hold us. If we ſay, ſurely the darkneſs ſhall cover us, even the night ſhall be light about us; yea, the darkneſs

darkneſs hideth not from thee, but the night ſhineth as the day; the darkneſs and the light are both alike to thee.

Seeing then we are always in thy preſence, may we be careful to walk before thee in truth, and with a perfect heart, and to do that which is good in thy ſight. Let us never be weary in well-doing, being aſſured that in due ſeaſon we ſhall reap if we faint not. And ſeeing we have a great High Prieſt that is gone into the heavens, even Jeſus Chriſt our Lord, may we hold faſt our profeſſion, and adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things.

And as we all hope to receive a kingdom which cannot be moved, grant us thy grace, whereby we may ſerve thee acceptably, with reverence and godly fear; for thou art a conſuming fire to all impenitent ſinners. Lord, if it be thy will that we ſhould ſuffer at any time, may we rather ſuffer for well-doing than for evil-doing; even as Chriſt alſo ſuffered for ſins, the juſt for the unjuſt, that he might bring us unto God. Foraſmuch then as Chriſt hath ſuffered for us in the fleſh, may we likewiſe arm ourſelves with the ſame mind, that we may not live the reſt of our time in the fleſh, to the luſts of men, but to the will of God.

Lord, preſerve us, we beſeech thee, from indulging the luſts of the fleſh, the luſt of the eye, or the pride of life. But may we

love thee, the Lord our God, with all our hearts, and our neighbour as ourſelves. Teach us to have compaſſion on the ignorant, and on them that are out of the way, ſeeing we ourſelves are compaſſed with infirmities.

Enable us to lay aſide all malice, and guile, and hypocriſy, and envy, and all evil ſpeaking. May we take heed to our mouth leaſt we ſin againſt thee with our lips; ſeriouſly conſidering that every idle word we now ſpeak we muſt give account thereof in the day of judgment; that by our words we ſhall be juſtified, and by our words we ſhall be condemned.

Preſerve us from the power, and from following the example of thoſe men, whoſe mouth is full of curſing and bitterneſs, who know not the way of peace, and have not the fear of God before their eyes. May we be ſwift to hear, ſlow to ſpeak, and ſlow to wrath, remembering that the wrath of man worketh not the righteouſneſs of God.

We confeſs, O Lord, that we have all ſinned, and come ſhort of thy glory. Thy hand is not ſhortened that it cannot ſave, neither is thine ear heavy that it cannot hear. But our iniquities have rendered us unworthy of thy favour, and our ſins have witholden many good things from us.

Lord, be merciful unto us; forgive our ſins and cleanſe us from unrighteouſneſs.

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Enable us to think ſeriouſly on our former ways, that we may turn our feet unto thy teſtimonies. Lord hear our prayers; lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; and unto thee, the ſupreme God and father of all be glory in the church by Jeſus Chriſt throughout all ages, world without end. *Amen.*

PRAYER TWENTY-SEVENTH.

O Lord, thou art the everlaſting God, the creator of the ends of the earth, continually acting every where; yet thou fainteſt not, neither art thou weary. There is no ſearching of thy underſtanding. Thou art wonderful in counſel, and excellent in working.

Thy word is for ever ſettled in heaven; thy faithfulneſs is unto all generations. Thou haſt eſtabliſhed the earth and it abideth; all things continue this day according to thine ordinances, for all are thy ſervants.

Lord, thou haſt poſſeſſed our reins; thou haſt covered us in our mother's womb. We have good reaſon to praiſe thee, for we are fearfully and wonderfully made. Marvellous are thy works, and that we know right well. Our ſubſtance was not hidden from thee, when we were made in ſecret. Thine eyes did behold it yet being imperfect, and in thy book all our members were written,

which in continuance were faſhioned, while as yet there was none of them. How precious alſo are thy thoughts unto us, O God! how great is the ſum of them! If we ſhould count them they are more in number than the ſand.

We deſire gratefully to acknowledge all thy favours. We thank thee for the precious things of heaven, for the dew, and the deep that lieth beneath. We bleſs thee for the precious fruits brought forth by the ſun, and for the precious things put forth by the moon. We thank thee for the chief things of the ancient mountains, and for the precious things of the laſting hills. Bleſſed be thy name for the precious things of the earth and fullneſs thereof, and eſpecially for thy word which was made fleſh, and dwelt among us. We deſire to thank and praiſe thy great and glorious name, that Jeſus Chriſt, who was ordained before the foundation of the world, has been manifeſted in theſe laſt times for us, and that repentance and remiſſion of ſins have been preached in his name among all nations.

Let it never be our condemnation that light is come into the world, and that we loved darkneſs rather than light, becauſe our deeds were evil. May we lay apart all filthineſs and ſuperfluity of naughtineſs, and receive with meekneſs the engrafted word, which is able to ſave our ſouls; that we may be

be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving ourſelves.

Enable us to lay up thy words in our hearts and in our ſouls, and may we be careful to teach them to our children, when we ſit in the houſe, when we lie down, and when we riſe up. And let none of us go aſide from the words, which thou haſt commanded us, to the right hand or to the left. But may we by a patient continuance in well-doing ſeek for glory, honour, and immortality, and in the end obtain eternal life.

Search us, O Lord, and know our hearts; try us, and know our thoughts; let us ſee if there be any wicked way in us, and lead us in the way everlaſting. Set a watch before our mouth; keep the door of our lips; incline not our hearts to any evil thing, to practiſe wicked works with men that work iniquity. Keep us from the ſnare of the wicked, from the gins of the workers of iniquity.

Preſerve us from the froward man, that ſoweth ſtrife, and from the whiſperer that ſeparateth friends. Let us never entice our neighbour to do wrong, nor lead him into the way that is not good. But may our light ſo ſhine before men, that they, ſeeing our good works, may glorify thee, our heavenly father.

Lord, we have all ſinned againſt thee, and in thy ſight have we done much evil. Have mercy upon us according to thy loving

kindneſs; according to the multitude of thy tender mercies, blot out our tranſgreſſions; waſh us thoroughly from our iniquity, and cleanſe us from our ſins. Let thy goodneſs and mercy follow us all our days, and may we at laſt have an entrance abundantly miniſtered unto us, into the everlaſting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jeſus Chriſt, to whom be glory and dominion now and for ever. *Amen.*

PRAYER TWENTY-EIGHTH.

O Lord God of hoſts, there is no God like thee in heaven above, or on earth beneath, who keepeſt covenant and mercy with thy ſervants, that walk before thee with all their hearts. Thou art great, O Lord our God, for there is none other, neither is there any God beſides thee, according to all that we have heard with our ears. Behold the heaven, and the heaven of heavens is thine; the earth alſo, with all that therein is. Every beaſt of the foreſt is thine, and the cattle upon a thouſand hills. Thou knoweſt all the fowls of the mountains, and the wild beaſts of the field are thine.

We adore thee the moſt high God, who ruleſt in the kingdoms of men, and giveſt them to whomſoever thou wilt; and ſometimes ſetteſt over them the baſeſt of men. There

There is no wiſdom, nor underſtanding, nor counſel that can prevail againſt thee. None can hide themſelves in ſecret places, where thou canſt not ſee them; for thou filleſt heaven and earth with thy preſence. Thou ſearcheſt the reins and hearts of all, and wilt give to every man according to his works.

We confeſs, O Lord, that as our firſt father hath ſinned, ſo we all have tranſgreſſed againſt thee. We have ſpent our money for that which is not bread, and our labour for that which ſatisfieth not. Incline our hearts to hearken diligently unto thee, that it may be well with us, and that our ſouls may delight in thy favour.

We thank thee, who through thy tender mercy haſt given unto us the knowledge of ſalvation for the remiſſion of ſins, whereby the day ſpring from on high hath viſited us, to give light to them who ſit in darkneſs, and in the ſhadow of death, to guide our feet in the way of peace.

We adore and bleſs thee the living God, who in times paſt ſuffered all nations to walk in their own ways; but haſt now commanded all men every where to repent; becauſe thou haſt appointed a day, wherein thou wilt judge the world in righteouſneſs by that man whom thou haſt ordained, whereof thou haſt given aſſurance unto all men in that thou haſt raiſed him from the dead.

May we frequently meditate upon, and diligently prepare for that awful day, when the dead ſhall be judged, and when thou wilt give reward unto thy ſervants the prophets, and to thy ſaints, and to all them that fear thee, ſmall and great; and when thou wilt deſtroy them that corrupt the earth with their wickedneſs. May we all watch and be ſober, ſeeing we know neither the day nor the hour, when the ſon of man cometh.

We deſire to acknowledge thee in all our ways, that thou mayeſt direct our paths. Lord grant we may fear thee, and ſerve thee in truth with all our hearts, remembering how great things thou haſt done for us. Let us never ſet our affections too much upon thoſe riches, which make to themſelves wings and fly away as an eagle towards heaven. But may we endeavour to be rich in faith and in good works. Let thy bleſſing give ſucceſs to our labours for this only maketh rich, and addeth no ſorrow with it.

Preſerve us from hatred, which ſtirreth up ſtrife, and incline our hearts to the exerciſe of that charity, which covereth a multitude of ſins. Keep us from entertaining, and from concealing hatred with lying lips, and from uttering ſlanders againſt any one; knowing that in the multitude of idle and malicious words there is much ſin; but that he who refraineth his lips from theſe is truely

truely wiſe. Diſpoſe us to ſpeak evil of no man, to be no brawlers, but gentle, ſhewing all meekneſs unto all men; that in ſo doing we may keep ourſelves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt unto eternal life; for thine is the kingdom, power and glory for ever. *Amen.*

PRAYER TWENTY-NINTH.

WE adore thee, O Lord God Almighty, who by thy wiſdom haſt founded the earth, by thy underſtanding haſt eſtabliſhed the heavens, by whoſe knowledge the deeps are broken up, and the clouds drop down the dew. Thou lookeſt to the ends of the earth, and ſeeſt under the whole heaven. Thou directeſt the courſe of the winds, and weigheſt the waters by meaſure. Thou haſt made a decree for the rain, and a way for the lightning of thunder. Great and marvellous are thy works, Lord God Almighty, juſt and true are thy ways, O thou king of ſaints. Who ſhall not fear thee, and glorify thy name, for thou only art holy.

Thou art faithful and true, and in righteouſneſs thou doſt judge and make war. Thou alſo makeſt wars to ceaſe unto the ends of the earth; thou breakeſt the bow, and cutteſt the ſpear aſunder; thou burneſt the chariot in the fire. O Lord, thou art moſt ter-

terrible to thine enemies. Thou art a great king over all the earth; for thou haſt prepared thy throne in the heavens, and thy kingdom ruleth over all.

We have good reaſon to rejoice, when we conſider that to all events are under thy direction, that even when the lot is caſt into the lap, the diſpoſing thereof is thine; that a ſparrow cannot fall to the ground without thee, and that the very hairs of our head are all numbered by thee. We are aſſured therefore that all things ſhall work together for good to them, that love thee.

Remember us, O Lord, with the favour which thou beareſt to thy people; viſit us with thy ſalvation, that we may ſee the good of thy choſen, that we may glory with thine inheritance.

Preſerve us from falling into deliberate wickedneſs, that we may walk uprightly before thee in the light of the living. Guide us by thy counſel, while we are here, and afterward receive us to thy glory. Whom have we in heaven but thee? And there is none upon earth we ſhould deſire beſides thee. Our fleſh and our heart faileth, but thou art the ſtrength of our heart, and our portion for ever.

Teach us thy way that we may walk in thy truth. Unite our hearts to fear thy name, for great is thy mercy towards us, and thou haſt delivered us from the loweſt hell. Let

no evil befal us, neither let any plague come near our dwellings. Give thine angels charge over us to keep us in all thy ways. Incline our hearts to praiſe thy name, to ſhew forth thy loving kindneſs in the morning, and thy faithfulneſs every night.

O thou high and lofty one, who inhabiteſt eternity, and art preſent every where, condeſcend, we beſeech thee, to dwell in our hearts by thy ſpirit, and let thy bleſſing reſt upon our habitations. Guide us continually, and ſatisfy our ſouls with thy favour, that we may be like a watered garden, and like a ſpring whoſe waters fail not. May we be careful to know the things which belong to our peace, before they be hidden from our eyes. May we labour not only for the meat that periſheth, but alſo, and eſpecially for that which ſhall endure unto everlaſting life.

As thou haſt promiſed to ranſom us from the power of the grave, and to redeem us from death, may we endeavour always to have a conſcience void of offence towards God, and towards man; that when our earthly houſe of this tabernacle ſhall be diſſolved, we may have a building of God, an houſe not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

Lord, deal graciouſly with us, and grant unto us all things we ſtand in need of. Make thy grace to abound towards us, that we, always having all ſufficiency in all things, may abound in every good work, and may

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lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godlineſs and honeſty, that at laſt we may die the death of the righteous, and have our latter end like unto his.

Pardon, we beſeech thee, all our iniquities according to the greatneſs of thy mercy in Chriſt Jeſus; and unto thee the king eternal, immortal, and inviſible, the only wiſe God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. *Amen.*

PRAYER THIRTIETH.

WE adore thee, the moſt high God, the poſſeſſor of heaven and earth. Who is like unto thee, O Lord, among the Gods; who is like thee, glorious in holineſs, fearful in praiſes, doing wonders? We acknowledge that every good and perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from thee, the Father of lights, with whom is no variableneſs, neither ſhadow of turning.

Thou haſt made the earth, the man, and the beaſt that are upon the ground, by thy great power and infinite wiſdom, and haſt given it unto whom it ſeemed meet unto thee. Thou, O Lord, art a God full of compaſſion, gracious, long-ſuffering, and plenteous in mercy, not willing that any ſhould periſh, but that all ſhould come to repentance; not for any gain to thyſelf; for no man can be profitable

profitable unto thee, as he that is wiſe may be profitable to himſelf. It is no advantage to thee, though we be righteous, neither is it any gain unto thee, though we make our ways perfect. Our wickedneſs may hurt a man as we are, and our righteouſneſs may profit the ſons of men; but neither of theſe can affect thee, the all perfect and unchangeable God.

We adore thee, as our ſovereign King, our righteous Law-giver, and our impartial Judge. To thee we are accountable for all the deeds we do in the body, whether they be good or evil.

O Lord, we have reaſon to bluſh and be aſhamed when we lift up our faces to thee; for our iniquities are encreaſed, and our tranſgreſſions are greatly multiplied. Yet thou haſt puniſhed us leſs than our iniquities have deſerved. We have often drawn near unto thee with our mouth, and honoured thee with our lips, while our hearts have been far removed from thee. Though thou haſt called to us by thy word, we have often refuſed to hear; though thou haſt ſtretched out thy hand in the diſpenſations of thy providence, yet we have not regarded, but have ſet at nought thy counſel, and would none of thy reproof: therefore mighteſt thou laugh at our calamity, and mock when our fear cometh upon us.

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But thou art merciful and gracious, long-ſuffering, abundant in goodneſs and truth, keeping mercy for thouſands, forgiving iniquity, tranſgreſſion, and ſin; and thou wilt by no means clear the guilty and impenitent.

We beſeech thee, O Lord, to hide thy face from our ſins, and blot out all our iniquities. Create in us clean hearts, and renew right ſpirits within us; that, as an holy prieſthood, we may offer up ſpiritual ſacrifices, acceptable to thee, through Jeſus Chriſt. And ſeeing we have not an high prieſt, who cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities, but one who was tempted in all things like as we are, yet without ſin; may we come boldly unto the throne of thy grace, praying earneſtly that we may obtain mercy and grace to help us in time of need.

Bleſſed be thy name, O Lord our God, who didſt ſend thine only begotten Son into the world, that he might finiſh tranſgreſſion, and make an end of ſin, and that we might live through him. As thou haſt raiſed him from the dead, and ſet him at thine own right hand in the heavenly places, far above all principality and power, and might and dominion, may we be careful to live not unto ourſelves, but unto him who died for us, and roſe again. May we look not only at the things which are ſeen and temporal, but alſo at the things which are unſeen and eternal;

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leaſt by neglecting theſe, we ſhould be found to have received thy grace in vain.

Lord, thy hands have made us and faſhioned us. Give us underſtanding that we may keep thy commandments. Let us never faint under adverſity; but though our outward man ſhould gradually periſh, may our inward man be renewed day by day. And may our light afflictions, which are but for a moment, work out for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory. May we be careful to obey thee in all things, and to hold faſt the teſtimony of Jeſus Chriſt, who was dead and is alive, and liveth for ever more. *Amen.*

PRAYER THIRTY-FIRST.

WE adore thee, O Lord our God, for thou art a great God, mighty and terrible, who regardeſt not the rich more than the poor, but wilt deal juſtly with all men. Them that honour thee thou wilt honour, and they that deſpiſe thee ſhall be lightly eſteemed. With the merciful thou wilt ſhew thyſelf merciful; with an upright man thou wilt ſhew thyſelf upright; with the pure thou wilt ſhew thyſelf pure; and with the froward man thou wilt ſhew thyſelf froward; for by ſtrength ſhall no man prevail againſt thee. Thine adverſaries ſhall be broken to pieces;

pieces; for thou wilt judge the ends of the earth. None can deceive thee in that day; for thou ſeeſt not as man ſeeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but thou lookeſt on the heart, and knoweſt all our ſecret thoughts.

We bleſs thee, O Lord our God, who haſt fed and cloathed us all our life long unto this day, and haſt redeemed us out of all evil. It is of thy mercy, that we died not from the womb, that we did not give up the ſpirit as ſoon as we were born. Thou haſt alſo taught us more than the beaſts of the field, and made us wiſer than the fowls of heaven. Thy inſpiration hath given us underſtanding. We thank thee, O Lord, who haſt in theſe laſt days ſpoken to us by thine own ſon, whom thou haſt appointed heir of all things. We rejoice in thy goodneſs, which has exalted him to be a prince and a ſaviour, to give repentance and remiſſion of ſins.

May we obtain redemption through his blood, even the forgiveneſs of ſin according to the riches of thy mercy. Enable us, we beſeech thee, to keep thy commandments, that our names may be found in the book of life, of the lamb ſlain from the foundation of the world.

May we contend earneſtly for the faith once delivered to the ſaints; and in doing ſo, may we poſſeſs the ſpirit of love and of a ſound mind, that all men may know that we are

are the disciples of Jesus Christ by our loving one another, as he also loved us, and set us an example that we should do as he has done. And if it be possible, as much as in us lieth, may we live peaceably with all men.

Lord, incline our hearts to walk righteously, to speak uprightly, to despise the gain of oppression, to shake our hands from taking bribes, to turn away our ears from hearing wickedness, and to shut our eyes from seeing evil. And may we learn to do unto all men as we would desire they should do unto us.

Lord, grant we may be careful to seek thee daily, and may delight to know thy ways. Let us never forsake thine ordinances, and may we take pleasure in approaching unto thee. Let thy word be the joy and rejoicing of our hearts, that by it we may be confirmed unto the end, and may be blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. Grant that the same mind may be in us which was also in him, that we may walk as he also walked, and may be followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises.

O Lord, thou knowest our foolishness, and our sins are not hidden from thy sight. Forgive our trespasses, we beseech thee, as we forgive them that trespass against us. Dispose us to have compassion on our fellow servants, even as we desire thou wouldst have

compaſſion on us; being aſſured that unleſs we forgive one another, thou wilt never forgive us. Lord, ſave us from a hard and impenitent heart. May we be ready to mourn not only for our own ſins, but alſo for the ſins and miſeries of others; and may we and they learn obedience by all the things which we ſuffer.

As we muſt needs die, and be as water ſpilled upon the ground, which cannot be gathered up again, may we be diligent to provide for that happy world, where there ſhall be no more death, neither ſorrow, nor crying, nor any more pain. May we frequently and ſeriouſly conſider that the day is coming, when the ſea ſhall give up the dead which are in it, when the grave ſhall give up the dead which are therein, and when every man ſhall be judged according to his works.

Lord, be merciful to us, for we are all ſinners, and diſpoſe us to ſet our hearts to all the words of thy law, that we may obſerve and do them, being fully perſuaded that it is no vain thing, becauſe it is our life. Grant unto us the faith and patience of the ſaints, that we may follow the lamb whitherſoever he goeth, and be redeemed from among the wicked men of this world at the coming of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt, to whom be glory and dominion now and for ever. *Amen.*

PRAYER

PRAYER THIRTY-SECOND.

WE adore thee, O Lord, the God of the ſpirits of all fleſh, the Creator of heaven and earth, who upholdeſt all things by the word of thy power. Thou cloatheſt the heavens with blackneſs, and makeſt ſackcloth their covering. Thou makeſt darkneſs thy ſecret place; thy pavilion round about thee are dark waters and thick clouds of the ſky. Thou, O Lord, remaineſt for ever; thy throne is from generation to generation.

When thou giveſt quietneſs, who can make trouble? and when thou hideſt thy face, who can behold thee, whether it be done againſt a nation or a man only? Thou haſt formed the light and created darkneſs; thou makeſt peace and createſt evil. Thou bringeſt forth the army and the power of the warrior; true and righteous are thy judgments.

Thine eyes are upon the ways of man, and thou ſeeſt all his goings. Thou haſt planted the ear, thou haſt formed the eye, thou teacheſt man knowledge. We are certain therefore that thou heareſt, ſeeſt, and knoweſt all things. There is no darkneſs nor ſhadow of death, where the workers of iniquity may hide themſelves; for thou lookeſt from heaven; thou beholdeſt all the ſons of

of men; from the place of thy habitation thou lookeſt upon all the inhabitants of the world.

We acknowledge, O Lord, that the way of man is not in himſelf; it is not in man that walketh to direct his own ſteps. Strengthen us therefore, that we may work out our own ſalvation with fear and trembling, by working in us both to will and to do of thy good pleaſure. Incline our hearts to fear thee, and to delight greatly in thy commandments.

As we all profeſs to believe in thee, may we be careful to maintain good works, being aſſured that theſe things are good and profitable to men. Grant that our faith may grow exceedingly, and the charity of every one of us towards each other may abound yet more and more, that we may ſtand faſt in one ſpirit, ſtriving together for the faith of the goſpel.

Lord, diſpoſe us to hear thy word with due attention, that we may learn to fear thee all the days that we ſhall live upon the earth. May we find that Chriſt's yoke is eaſy, and his burden light; that none of his commandments are grievous. Grant that by a careful imitation of his example, the ſame mind may be in us that was alſo in him.

We deſire with all our hearts to bleſs thy great and glorious name, that he came into the world to ſave ſinners, that for this end

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he ſuffered and roſe again from the dead, and brought light unto the gentiles. Enable us, we beſeech thee, to walk in his light, while we have it, leaſt darkneſs come upon us. Let thy good providence be an hedge of defence about us, and about all that we have on every ſide. Lord, hide us from the ſcourge of the tongue. Let our tabernacles be in peace, and thy mercy dwell in our habitations. Lord, be with us and keep us in all places whither we go. Command thy loving kindneſs upon us in the day time, and let thy mercy preſerve us every night.

Pardon our manifold tranſgreſſions according to thy mercy in Chriſt Jeſus. Lord, turn not away our prayers from thee, nor thy loving kindneſs from us. We commit ourſelves unto thy care, earneſtly deſiring that the word of thy grace may build us up in holineſs, and that we may at laſt obtain an everlaſting inheritance among all them who are ſanctified through Jeſus Chriſt; to whom be glory and dominion now and for ever. *Amen.*

PRAYER THIRTY-THIRD.

The Lord's Prayer.

OUR Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our treſpaſſes as we forgive them that treſpaſs againſt us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, the power and glory for ever. *Amen.*

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PART II.

CONTAINING

PARTICULAR PRAYERS

For the uſe of thoſe who deſire, by divine aſſiſtance, to obtain, cultivate, and improve in pious and virtuous diſpoſitions.

PRAYER FIRST.

For obtaining the ſpirit of univerſal obedience.

O Lord, thou art God in heaven above, and upon the earth beneath. There is none elſe; and thou art the rewarder of them that diligently ſeek thee. Grant therefore that we may keep thy commandments and thy law as the apple of our eye, and live. Incline our hearts to do juſtly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thee our God. Let not thy law depart from our mouth; but may we meditate therein day and night that we,

may obſerve to do according to all that is written therein. O let thy word be treaſured up in our heart, that we may not ſin againſt thee; and may we rejoice in the way of thy teſtimonies as much as in all riches. Let them be our delight and our counſellors.

Maywe be careful to know thee the God of our Fathers, and to ſerve thee with a perfect heart, and with a willing mind; for thou ſearcheſt all hearts, and underſtandeſt all the imaginations of the thoughts; and thou haſt aſſured us, that, if we ſeek thee, thou wilt be found of us, but if we forſake thee, thou wilt caſt us off for ever. O Lord, let us never forſake thee, the God who made us, nor lightly eſteem the rock of our ſalvation; leaſt thou ſhouldſt hide thy face from us, and ſpend thine arrows upon us. May we by a patient continuance in well doing ſeek for glory, honour and immortality, through our Lord and Saviour Jeſus Chriſt, to whom be glory and dominion now and for ever. *Amen.*

PRAYER

PRAYER SECOND.

For the ſame.

WE adore thee, O Lord our God, who haſt made heaven and earth, and the ſea, and all things that are therein. Thou haſt alſo written upon our hearts the great precepts of thy law, taught us more than the beaſts of the field, and made us wiſer than the fowls of heaven. Grant therefore, that we may be righteous before thee, walking in all thy commandments and ordinances blameleſs; for we are thy workmanſhip, created in Chriſt Jeſus unto good works, which thou haſt before ordained that we ſhould walk in them. May we eſteem thy precepts concerning all things to be right, and love them above gold.

Let us never be weary in well-doing; being aſſured that in due ſeaſon we ſhall reap if we faint not. May we delight to do thy will, and let thy law be within our heart; for thy hand is upon all them for good that ſeek thee; but thy power and thy wrath is againſt all them that forſake thee. May we therefore do in all things as thou haſt commanded us, that we may live, and that it may be well with us.

Lord, let us never rebel againſt, nor vex thy holy ſpirit, leaſt thou ſhouldſt turn to be

our enemy, and fight againſt us. Let us not err from thy ways, nor harden our hearts from thy fear; for no man ever hardened himſelf againſt thee, and proſpered. But may we diligently keep thy commandments, and do that which is right and good in thy ſight; for thou haſt commanded us to do all theſe things for our good always.

Grant, O Lord, that we may never forget thee, nor deal falſely in thy covenant. Let not our hearts turn back from thee, neither let our ſteps decline from thy ways. But do thou order our ſteps according to thy word, and let no iniquity have dominion over us. May we, according to thy grace, which bringeth ſalvation to all men, who receive it, learn to deny all ungodlineſs and worldly luſts, and to live ſoberly, righteouſly, and piouſly in this preſent world, looking for the bleſſed hope and the glorious appearing of thee, the great God, and of our Saviour Jeſus Chriſt, to whom be glory and dominion now and for ever. *Amen.*

PRAYER

PRAYER THIRD.

To be uſed by thoſe who deſire to love God.

O Lord our God, we have known and believed the love that thou haſt to us; for thou art pure and perfect love. Enable us therefore to love thee with all our heart, with all our ſtrength, with all our ſoul, and with all our mind. There is none infinitely good but thee. The earth is full of thy goodneſs, and it endureth continually. May we endeavour to be holy and without blame before thee in love.

O Lord, thou art merciful and gracious, long ſuffering, abundant in goodneſs and in truth; keeping mercy for thouſands, forgiving iniquity, tranſgreſſion and ſin; but thou wilt in no ways clear the guilty and impenitent. Grant we may love thee our God, and walk in all thy ways, and keep all thy commandments, and ſerve thee with all our heart and with all our ſoul; for thy commandments are not grievous.

Lord, incline our hearts to love thee, for many are thy wonderful works, which thou haſt done for us, and thy gracious thoughts, which are towards us. They cannot be reckoned in order unto thee; if we would declare and ſpeak of them, they are more than

can be numbered; for thou art daily loading us with thy benefits. Thou art a faithful God, keeping covenant and mercy with them, that love thee, and keep thy commandments, to a thouſand generations; and thou repayeſt them that hate thee, to their face. Grant that we may love thee, hate evil, and keep all thy commandments, that in the end we may obtain the kingdom which thou haſt promiſed to them, that love thee, through our Lord and Saviour Jeſus Chriſt. *Amen.*

PRAYER FOURTH.

For the ſame purpoſe.

WE adore thee, O Lord our God, for thou art good unto all, and thy tender mercies are over all thy works. Thou art kind to the evil and unthankful; for thou makeſt thy ſun to riſe on the evil and on the good, and ſendeſt rain on the juſt and on the unjuſt. Thou art continually exerciſing loving kindneſs, judgment and righteouſneſs in the earth; for in theſe things thou delighteſt. Enable us therefore to love thee, to walk in thy ways, and to keep thy commandments, that we may live. O let us never be drawn away from the love of God, leaſt we ſhould die and periſh in our iniquities.

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We acknowledge that we have good reaſon to love thee, for thou haſt firſt loved us, and haſt given us everlaſting conſolation and good hope through thy mercy. For thou didſt not ſend thy ſon into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be ſaved. Herein haſt thou ſhewn the exceeding riches of thy grace, in thy kindneſs towards us through Chriſt Jeſus. May we be careful to love thee the Lord our God, and to ſerve thee with all our heart and with all our ſoul, remembering that in thy preſence there is fulneſs of joy, and at thy right hand are pleaſures for ever more.

God forbid that we ſhould love the world, or the things that are in the world too much, for we are aſſured, that if any man love the world, the love of the father is not in him. Grant that we may keep thy word, and obey thy commandments, that the love of thee our God may be perfected in us. Let none of us pretend love to thee while we hate any of our brethern, leaſt we ſhould be found liars; for this commandment we have from thee, that whoſoever loves thee, ſhould love his brother alſo.

We have reaſon to confeſs that we have been lovers of pleaſure more than lovers of God; that while with our mouth we have ſhewn much love, our hearts have gone after their covetouſneſs. We pray that thou wouldſt direct our hearts unto the love of

God, and into the patient waiting for Christ Jesus. May we seriously consider that eye hath not seen, ear hath not heard, neither hath it entered into the heart of man to conceive the things which thou hast prepared for them that love thee; that thou wilt love them and bless them; and that all things shall work together for their good. Enable us, we beseech thee, to keep ourselves in the love of God, by hearkning to thy commandments, and doing them, for thine is the kingdom, power and glory for ever. *Amen.*

PRAYER FIFTH.

To be used by those who desire to have the fear of God.

O Lord, thou art wise in heart, and mighty in strength; thou removest the mountains, and overturnest them in thine anger; thou shakest the earth out of her place, and the pillars thereof tremble. Thou doest great things past finding out, yea and wonders without number. May the consideration of these engage us to fear thee, and to keep all thy commandments, that it may be well with us for ever. For we are certain that thou wilt do no wickedness, neither canst thou commit iniquity. But the work of a man

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wilt thou render unto him, and cauſe every man to find according to his ways. Incline our hearts to hear thy word, that we may learn to fear thee all the days that we ſhall live upon the earth.

O Lord, how great is thy goodneſs, which thou haſt laid up for them that fear thee? Thou wilt fulfil their deſire; thou wilt hear their cry and ſave them. Grant that we may fear and ſerve thee; for thou art our God, who haſt done great things for us. O let thy fear be in us, as a fountain of life, that we may depart from the ſnares of death. May we always ſtand in awe of thee, and ſin not, remembering that thine eyes are upon the ways of man, and that thou ſeeſt all his goings; for there is no darkneſs nor ſhadow of death, where the workers of iniquity may hide themſelves. Grant therefore, that we may fear thee, and keep thy commandments with a perfect heart; that in ſo doing, we may eſcape the wrath which is to come, and obtain everlaſting life, through him who was dead and is alive, and liveth for ever. *Amen.*

PRAYER

PRAYER SIXTH.

To the ſame purpoſe.

O Lord, thou art exceeding great, and all the inhabitants of the earth are as nothing, when compared with thee. Thou doeſt according to thy will in the armies of heaven, and among the inhabitants of the earth; and none can ſtay thy hand, or ſay unto thee, what doeſt thou? In every dominion men ſhould tremble and fear before thee; for thou art the living God, and ſtedfaſt for ever. Thy kingdom ſhall not be deſtroyed, and thy dominion ſhall have no end. All the inhabitants of the world ſhould ſtand in awe of thee; for thou didſt only ſpeak, and it was maee; thou didſt command, and it ſtood faſt. Grant that we may have thy fear always before our eyes.

We confeſs, O Lord, that we have often been afraid of a man that ſhall die, and of the ſon of a man that ſhall be made as graſs, whilſt we have forgotten thee our maker, who haſt ſtretched forth the heavens, and laid the foundations of the earth. But may we henceforth endeavour to paſs the time of our ſojourning here in thy fear, for as much as we know, that we were not redeemed with corruptible things, but with the precious blood

blood of Chriſt, as of a lamb without blemiſh and without ſpot. May the conſideration of this determine us powerfully to cleanſe ourſelves from all filthineſs of the fleſh and ſpirit, perfecting holineſs in the fear of God; remembering always, that, as a father pitieth his children, ſo thou pitieſt them that fear thee; that as the heaven is high above the earth, ſo great is thy mercy towards them.

Let us not therefore fear the reproach of men, neither be afraid of their revilings; but may we ſanctify thee, the Lord of hoſts, in our hearts, and have thee always for our fear and our dread; for thou haſt ſet our iniquities before thee, our ſecret ſins in the light of thy countenance. Grant that we may ſerve thee acceptably with reverence and godly fear; for thou art a conſuming fire, able to kill both ſoul and body, and wilt certainly bring every work into judgment, with every ſecret thing, whether it be good or whether it be evil. May the conſideration of theſe things engage us to fear thee, and keep thy commandments through our Lord and Saviour Jeſus Chriſt, to whom be glory and dominion for ever. *Amen.*

PRAYER

PRAYER SEVENTH.

To be used by those who desire to have their trust, hope, and confidence in God.

WE adore thee, O Lord our God, who hast made known unto us thine excellent perfections, that our trust might be in thee. May we taste and see thy goodness, and find by experience the happiness of them who trust in thee; for thou redeemest the souls of thy servants, and none that trust in thee shall be desolate. We desire therefore to trust in thee at all times, to be doing good always, and to delight ourselves in thy service. O, let us never be cast down nor disquieted under any affliction; but may we hope in thee, who art the health of our countenance, and our God.

Forbid that we should trust too much either in princes, or in any of the sons of men, in whom there is no help; for their breath goeth forth; they return to their dust; in that very day their thoughts perish. O Lord, be thou our help in the time of trouble, and may our hope be in thee our God; for thou madest heaven and earth, the sea, and all that therein is; thou keepest truth for ever; thou executest judgment for all that are oppressed;

preſſed; thou giveſt food to the hungry; thou healeſt the broken in heart, and bindeſt up their wounds; thou art a buckler to all that truſt in thee.

May we never truſt too much in man, nor make fleſh our arm while our heart departeth from thee; leaſt we ſhould be like the heath in the deſart, that knoweth not when good cometh. But may we always truſt in thee; for in thee, O Lord, alone is everlaſting ſtrength. Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whoſe mind is ſtaid upon thee; becauſe he truſteth in thee. We know that it is better to truſt in thee than to put confidence in man; yea it is better to truſt in thee than to put confidence in princes; for thou art our help and our ſhield.

Enable us to fear thee, and to obey the voice of thy ſervants; and when we walk in darkneſs and have no light, may we truſt in the name of the Lord, and ſtay upon thee our God, who wilt ſurely bring forth our righteouſneſs as the light, and our judgment as the noon day; for thine is the kingdom, power and glory for ever. *Amen.*

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PRAYER EIGHTH.

For the ſame purpoſe.

O Lord, thou art good, a ſtrong hold in the day of trouble; and thou knoweſt them that truſt in thee. But darkneſs ſhall purſue thine enemies; for thou art a God of judgment; bleſſed are all they that wait for thee. We deſire to truſt in the living God, who giveth us all things richly to enjoy, and who is the Saviour of all men, eſpecially of them that believe. O how great is the goodneſs which thou haſt laid up for them that truſt in thee, and which thou haſt prepared for them that hope in thee before the ſons of men. Enable us to truſt in thee with all our hearts, and not to lean only to our own underſtandings. In all our ways we deſire to acknowledge thee, that thou mayeſt direct our ſteps. Hide us, we beſeech thee, in the ſecret of thy preſence from the pride of man; keep us ſecretly, as in a pavilion, from the ſtrife of tongues.

O Lord, we deſire to make thee our refuge, and to have the moſt high God for our habitation; that no evil may befal us, nor any plague come near our dwellings. Give thine angels charge over us, to keep us in all our ways, that we be not ſurprized with ſud-

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den fear, nor involved in the deſolation with the wicked, when it cometh. Be thou our confidence, and keep us from evil. Let our hearts be fixed, truſting in thee; for we have the ſentence of death within ourſelves, that we ſhould not truſt in ourſelves, but in thee who raiſeſt the dead.

Grant that we may always live in the hope of eternal life, which thou haſt promiſed before the world was. And having this hope in us, may we endeavour to purify ourſelves even as thou art pure. Bleſſed be thy name, O Lord our God, who haſt begotten us again unto a lively hope, by the reſurrection of Jeſus Chriſt from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reſerved in heaven for us. Keep us, we beſeech thee, by thy power, through faith unto that ſalvation which ſhall be revealed in the laſt time. And may the hope thereof be in us an anchor of the ſoul, ſure and ſtedfaſt amidſt all the ſtorms, trials, and temptations of this life, till at laſt our fleſh ſhall reſt in hope of a reſurrection to glory, honour, and immortality. Hear us, O Lord our God and Father, who haſt loved us, and haſt given us everlaſting conſolation and good hope through thy mercy. Comfort our hearts, we beſeech thee, and eſtabliſh us in every good word and work, for thine is the kingdom, power and glory for ever. *Amen.*

PRAYER

PRAYER NINTH.

To be used by those who desire to repent and reform their lives.

O Lord our God, we desire to give glory unto thee, and to make confession of our sins; for thou hast assured us, that if we confess our sins, thou art faithful and just to forgive our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. We acknowledge that we have been foolish and disobedient, serving diverse lusts and pleasures. We have been wise to do evil, but to do good we have had no understanding. Thy word has been a reproach to us; we have had no delight in it. We have neither hearkened nor inclined our ears to instruction, but have walked in the counsels and in the imagination of our evil hearts; we have gone backward and not forward.

O Lord, deliver us from the gall of bitterness, and from the bond of iniquity. Enable us to repent of our wickedness, that our sins may be forgiven us. Thou hast commanded all men every where to repent, because thou hast appointed a day wherein thou wilt judge the world in righteousness by that man whom thou hast ordained; whereof thou hast given assurance unto all men in that thou

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haſt raiſed him from the dead. Seeing then that thy word has been ſpoken unto us, let us not put it away from us, nor judge ourſelves unworthy of everlaſting life.

Save us, O Lord, from deſpiſing the riches of thy goodneſs, forbearance and long-ſuffering; but may thy goodneſs lead us to repentance; for thou haſt no pleaſure in wickedneſs, neither ſhall evil dwell with thee; the fooliſh ſhall not ſtand in thy ſight; thou hateſt all workers of iniquity. Let us not therefore by a hard and impenitent heart, treaſure up unto ourſelves wrath againſt the day of wrath, and revelation of thy righteous judgment; but may we remember our evil ways, and our doings which have not been good, and loath ourſelves in our own ſight for our iniquities and for all our abominations. Turn us, O Lord, and we ſhall be turned; draw us and we ſhall run after thee; take away all our iniquities, and receive us graciouſly, through our Lord and Saviour Jeſus Chriſt, who was dead and is alive, and liveth for evermore. *Amen.*

PRAYER

PRAYER TENTH.

To the ſame purpoſe.

O Lord our God, we deſire to acknowledge our iniquity, for we have tranſgreſſed againſt thee; we have perverted our ways and have forgotten thee. Our folly has often brought trouble upon us; our own wickedneſs has frequently corrected us, and our backſlidings have reproved us; and we may ſee and know by experience that it is an evil thing and bitter, that we have ſo often forſaken thee, and that the fear of God has not been in us.

Grant, O Lord, that we may think upon our former ways, and turn our feet unto thy teſtimonies. O, waſh our hearts from wickedneſs. Let vain thoughts no longer lodge within us; let us not chooſe our fooliſh ways any longer, leaſt thou ſhouldſt chooſe our deluſions, and bring our fears upon us. But may we haſte and delay not to keep thy commandments; for thou haſt aſſured us that except we repent we ſhall certainly periſh. Let thy counſel therefore be acceptable to us. May we break off our ſins by repentance, and abandon our iniquities for righteouſneſs ſake.

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For this end may we ſeriouſly conſider, that thy wrath is revealed from heaven againſt all ungodlineſs and unrighteouſneſs of men, who hold the truth in unrighteouſneſs. Enable us to ſhun the way that leads to miſery and deſtruction, by exerciſing a ſincere repentance towards God, and faith in our Lord Jeſus Chriſt, who came not to call the righteous, but ſinners to repentance. May we be careful to retain the knowledge and practice of true godlineſs in our hearts, leaſt otherwiſe thou ſhouldſt give us over to a reprobate mind, and to vile affections to do thoſe things which are not convenient, and even to commit wickedneſs with greedineſs.

Lord, ſave us from walking as the wicked and ungodly do, in the vanity of their minds, having the underſtanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God, through the ignorance that is in them, becauſe of the hardneſs of their hearts. But may we put off the former converſation, which is corrupt according to the deceitful luſts, and be renewed in the ſpirit of our minds, by putting on the new man, which after God is created in righteouſneſs and true holineſs. In this manner may we be born from above, born of the ſpirit, cleanſed by the waſhing of regeneration, and made meet for being partakers of the inheritance of the ſaints in light,

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through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, to whom be glory and dominion now and for ever. *Amen.*

PRAYER ELEVENTH.

To the same purpose.

WE adore thee, O Lord our God, who hast planted the ear, formed the eye, taught men knowledge, and correctest the nations for their iniquity. We confess that we have gone away from thine ordinances, and have not kept thy laws. We have forsaken thee the fountain of living waters, and have hewn out unto ourselves broken cisterns that can hold no water. Thine eyes are upon all our ways; they are not hidden from thy face, neither is our iniquity hidden from thine eyes; for thou hast set our iniquities before thee, our secret sins in the light of thy countenance, and thou remembereſt all our wickedness.

O Lord, enable us to search and try our ways, and to turn from all our sins which we have committed, and do that which is lawful and right, that we may live. Create in us clean hearts, and renew right spirits within us; for thou hast no pleasure in the death

death of him that dieth; but wouldeſt rather that he ſhould turn and live. We deſire therefore to humble ourſelves, to ſeek thy face, and turn from our wickedneſs, that our ſins may be blotted out, when the times of refreſhing ſhall come from thy preſence.

Bleſſed be thy name, who haſt raiſed up thy Son Jeſus Chriſt, and ſent him to bleſs us in turning away every one of us from our iniquities. Thou haſt alſo exalted him to be a Prince and a Saviour, to give repentance and remiſſion of ſins. We deſire therefore to turn unto thee with all our hearts, to put away the evil of our doings, to walk no more according to the courſe of this world in the luſts of the fleſh and of the mind, but to bring forth fruit meet for repentance. For this end let thy grace be ſufficient for us, and thy ſtrength be made perfect in our weakneſs; for thou art long-ſuffering to us ward, not willing that any ſhould periſh, but that all ſhould come to repentance. And after we have eſcaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jeſus Chriſt, let us never be entangled therein again and overcome. O let us not turn again to iniquity; but may we be faithful unto death, in the ſure and certain hope of obtaining a crown of life, through him that was dead and is alive, and liveth for ever more. *Amen.*

PRAYER

PRAYER TWELFTH.

To be used by them who desire to pray acceptably.

O Lord, thou art the hearer of prayer. We desire therefore to come boldly unto the throne of thy mercy, that we may obtain grace to help us in the time of need; for we know not what we should pray for as we ought. Let us not be rash with our mouth, nor let our heart be hasty to utter any thing before thee; for thou art in heaven and we upon earth, therefore our words should be few, and well ordered. Enable us to draw near unto thee with a true heart, in full assurance of faith, having our consciences sprinkled from dead works; for thine eyes are upon the righteous, and thine ears are open to their cry; but if we regard iniquity in our heart, thou wilt not hear our prayers.

Lord, save us from drawing nigh to thee with the mouth, and honouring thee with the lips, while our hearts are far from thee. Let us not be like the hypocrites, who love to pray only that they may be seen and heard of men. Neither let us use vain repetitions, for thou knowest what things we have need of before we ask thee. And this is the confidence we have in thee, that if we ask any thing

thing according to thy will, thou heareſt us.

Lord, teach us to pray with fervency of ſpirit, lifting up holy hands without wrath and doubting. And while we pray unto thee, may we from the heart forgive all who have treſpaſſed againſt us, that thou alſo mayeſt freely forgive our treſpaſſes: for thou haſt aſſured us, that unleſs we forgive we ſhall never be forgiven. We are certain alſo that if we turn away our ears from hearing thy law, our prayers will be an abomination. Grant therefore that we may be diſpoſed to call upon thee with pure hearts, and worſhip thee in ſpirit and in truth; for thou art far from the wicked, but thou heareſt the prayer of the righteous. Incline our hearts to walk in thy ways, and to keep thy commandments, praying always with all prayer and ſupplication in the ſpirit, and watching thereunto with all perſeverance, that we may be comforted and eſtabliſhed in every good word and work, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord, who was dead and is alive, and liveth for ever more. *Amen.*

PRAYER THIRTEENTH.

To be used by those who have, or desire to have a grateful sense of the divine goodness for the various blessings conferred upon them.

O Lord, thou giver of all good, we desire to bless thee at all times, and in every thing to give thanks unto thy name, for this is thy will in Christ Jesus concerning us. We have good reason to praise thee; for we are fearfully and wonderfully made, only a little lower than the angels, crowned with glory and honour, and set over the work of thy hands.

We thank thee that we died not from the womb. We bless thee for the knees that prevented us, and for the breasts that gave us suck. Lord, teach us to shew forth thy loving kindness in the morning, and thy faithfulness every night; to offer the sacrifice of praise to thee continually; even the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to thy name; for great is thy mercy towards us. Thou hast often healed our diseases, redeemed our life from destruction, crowned us with loving kindness, and tender mercies, and satisfied our mouths with good things.

Blessed be thy name, who coverest the heaven with clouds, who preparest rain for the

the earth, who makeſt graſs to grow upon the mountains, and herbs for the ſervice of man, who giveſt to the beaſt his food, and to the young ravens which cry. Thou art good unto all, and thy tender mercies are over all thy works. Thy name alone is excellent; thy glory is above the earth and heavens. There is none perfectly good but thee; the earth is full of thy goodneſs, and it endureth for ever. Many are thy wonderful works, which thou haſt done for us, and thy gracious thoughts which are towards us. They cannot be reckoned in order unto thee; if we would declare and ſpeak of them, they are more than can be numbered; for thou art daily loading us with thy benefits.

O Lord, we thank thee for the precious things of heaven; for the rain, the dew, and the deep that lieth beneath. We bleſs thee for the precious fruits brought forth by the influences of the ſun and moon. We thank thee for the chief things of the ancient mountains, and for the precious things of the laſting hills. We bleſs thee for all the precious things of the earth, and the fulneſs thereof. We thank thee that our country is not deſolate, that our cities are not burned with fire, and that our land is not devoured by ſtrangers.

We deſire to bleſs thy great and glorious name, who haſt viſited and redeemed us, and raiſed up an horn of ſalvation for us in

the houſe of thy ſervant David, as thou haſt ſpoken by the mouth of thy holy Prophets, which have been ſince the world began. We thank thee, O thou God and father of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt, who haſt bleſſed us with all ſpiritual bleſſings, and, according to thine abundant mercy, haſt begotten us again to a lively hope, by the reſurrection of Jeſus Chriſt from the dead, to an inheritance, incorruptible, undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reſerved in heaven for us. Grant, O Lord, that we may be kept by thy power through faith unto that ſalvation, which ſhall be revealed at the coming of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt with all his ſaints; for thine is the kingdom, the power and glory for ever. *Amen.*

PRAYER

PRAYER FOURTEENTH.

To be used by those who desire to have a right temper of mind to Jesus Christ.

WE adore thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, who hast in these days spoken unto us by thine own son, whom thou hast appointed heir of all things. May we give the more earnest heed to the things which he has spoken, least at any time they slip out of our minds. But as we have received Christ Jesus for our Lord and Saviour, may we be careful to walk in him, rooted and built up in him, and established in the faith, as we have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving. Let us never be turned away from the simplicity of the gospel through philosophy and vain deceit, after the traditions of men, and after the rudiments of the world; but may we follow after Christ himself, in whom dwelleth all the fulness of the godhead bodily.

O let us never be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord. May we rather choose to be partakers of the afflictions of the gospel, by contending earnestly for the faith, which was once delivered to the saints. And seeing he hath loved us, and given himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and

purify us to himself a peculiar people zealous of good works, may we love him, and keep his commandments, seriously considering that we must all appear before his judgment seat, to receive the things done in the body, according to that we have done, whether it be good or bad. May we labour diligently, that we may be accepted of him in that day.

Strengthen us, O Lord, we beseech thee, that we may obey from the heart that form of doctrine, which he has delivered to us; that, being made free from sin, we may become the servants of righteousness. May we stand fast in the liberty wherewith he has made us free, that when he shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before him at his coming. And seeing he has left us an example that we should follow his steps, may we endeavour to walk even as he walked, having the same mind that was also in him, crucifying the flesh with the affections and lusts. And giving all diligence, may we add to our faith virtue, knowledge, temperance, patience, godliness, brotherly kindness and charity; that, these things being in us and abounding, we may neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ; to whom be glory and dominion, now and for ever. *Amen.*

PRAYER

PRAYER FIFTEENTH.

To be used by those who desire to abound in love to one another, and towards all men.

WE adore thee, O Lord, the God and Father of the spirits of all flesh; and we desire to honour thee as our Father in Christ Jesus, by loving thee with all our hearts and our neighbour as ourselves; for this is the message we have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another. May our faith encrease, and may the charity of every one of us to each other abound; that we may have compassion one of another, may love as brethren, and be courteous towards all men.

Lord, enable us to walk worthy of the vocation wherewith we are called, with all lowliness, meekness, and long suffering, forbearing one another in love, and endeavouring to keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace. May we put away from us all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamor, and evil speaking, with all malice; and may we be kind one to another, tender hearted, forgiving one another, even as we expect that thou wilt forgive us. Dispose us to love one another with pure hearts fervently; and as we have opportunity, may

we do good unto all men eſpecially to them, that are of the houſehold of faith. And as Chriſt hath given us a new commandment, that we ſhould love one another, even as he loved us, grant that our love may be without diſſimulation, not in words only, but in deed and in truth. May it proceed from a pure heart and a good conſcience, and faith unfeigned. Let us never turn aſide from theſe unto vain janglings; but may we rather provoke one another to love, and to good works.

Lord, grant that we may follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another; being like minded one towards another, after the example of our divine maſter, that we may as with one mind and one mouth glorify thee the God and Father of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt. Enable us to do all things without murmurings and diſputings, that we may be blameleſs and harmleſs, the ſons of God without rebuke in the midſt of a crooked and perverſe generation, among whom we ought to ſhine as lights in the world.

Incline our hearts, O Father of mercies, to have compaſſion on the ignorant, and on them that are out of the way; remembering that we ourſelves are compaſſed with infirmity. May we encreaſe and abound in love one towards another, and towards all men, that our hearts may be eſtabliſhed, unblame-

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able in holineſs before thee our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt with all his ſaints; for thine is the kingdom, power and glory, for ever. *Amen.*

PRAYER SIXTEENTH.

For the right government of the tongue.

O Lord, thou art not far off from every one of us; for in thee we live, and move, and have our being. Thou compaſſeſt our path and our lying down, and art acquainted with all our ways: for there is not a word in our tongue, but lo! O Lord, thou knoweſt it altogether. Grant therefore that we may keep our tongues from evil, and our lips from ſpeaking guile. Let us never bear falſe witneſs againſt our neighbour, nor take up an evil report againſt him. Save us from uttering iniquity, and from uſing the tongue of the crafty, that our own mouth may never condemn us, nor our lips teſtify againſt us. May we be careful to ſpeak the truth every one to his neighbour; for we are aſſured that a lying tongue is an abomination to thee.

May we never bring a railing accuſation againſt any man, nor ſpeak evil of the things which we know not. Let us never uſe de-

ceit with our tongues; neither let the poiſon of aſps be under our lips. Let there be no curſing nor bitterneſs in our mouths; but may we walk in the way of peace, and have the fear of God always before our eyes. And ſeeing we muſt give account of every idle word we ſpeak, in the day of judgment, may we carefully avoid all filthineſs and fooliſh talking, and jeſtings, which are not convenient. Let no corrupt communication proceed out of our mouths, but that which is good to the uſe of edifying, that it may miniſter grace unto the hearers.

Lord, enable us to put off all anger, wrath, malice, blaſphemy, with filthy communication out of our mouths; and let none of us lie to another; but may we be ſwift to hear, ſlow to ſpeak, ſlow to wrath; remembering that the wrath of man worketh not the righteouſneſs of God. Let us never ſpeak with flattering lips and a double heart. Let us never backbite with our tongue, nor ſpeak peace to our neighbour, while miſchief is in our hearts.

May we never render evil for evil, nor railing for railing, but contrariwiſe bleſſing, knowing that we are thereunto called, that we ſhould inherit a bleſſing. Grant that our tongues may be as choice ſilver, as a precious jewel, and a tree of life feeding many ſouls by ſpeaking wiſdom, diſperſing knowledge, and ſhewing forth righteouſneſs.

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O preſerve us, we beſeech thee, from talking proudly. Let arrogance never proceed out of our lips; for thou art a God of infinite knowledge, and by thee all actions are weighed in an equal balance. Lord, let thy grace be ſufficient for us, that we may be enabled to do all thoſe things which we have deſired of thee, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

PRAYER SEVENTEENTH.

To be uſed by thoſe who deſire to practiſe juſtice and mercy to all men.

O Lord, thou art righteous in all thy ways, and holy in all thy works. Grant therefore that we may endeavour to be righteous before thee, walking in all thy ordinances and commandments blameleſs. Let us never go beyond, nor defraud our brethren in any matter; for thou art the avenger of all ſuch. May we do juſtly, walk righteouſly, ſpeak uprightly, and render to all their dues. May we from the heart deſpiſe the gain of oppreſſion, ſhake our hands from holding bribes, and reſtrain our tongues from uttering deceit.

ceit. Save us from afflicting any widow or fatherleſs child, leaſt they cry unto thee, and thy wrath wax hot againſt us. May we be afraid of thee, leaſt thou ſhouldſt make our wives widows, and our children fatherleſs.

Let our hands never be defiled with innocent blood, nor our fingers with iniquity; but may we ſeek for juſtice, plead for truth, and love mercy. May our feet never run to evil. Let waſting and deſtruction never be in our paths; and may we never greedily make gain of our neighbour by extortion; for how ſhall our heart endure, or our hands be ſtrong in the day that thou wilt deal with us. Let the treaſures of wickedneſs never be in our houſe, nor the ſcanty meaſure that is abominable to thee. May we never eat the bread of deceit, nor drink the wine of violence; for all that do unrighteouſly are an abomination to thee.

Thine eyes, O Lord, are upon all our ways, and thou wilt render unto every man according to his works. If therefore we have defrauded any man, if we have oppreſſed any man, if we have taken any thing from any man by falſe accuſation, or if we have taken a reward to commit iniquity; Lord, bring us to ſincere repentance, forgive our ſins, and enable us to make reſtitution for the injuries we have done. May we ſeriouſly conſider, that no unrighteous perſon ſhall inherit the kingdom of God. Whatever

ever therefore we would that men ſhould do unto us, may we do even ſo unto them, according to the commandment, and in imitation of our bleſſed Lord, who did no violence, neither was any deceit found in his lips. Hear our prayers, O Lord, we beſeech thee, and help our infirmities; for thine is the kingdom, power and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

PRAYER EIGHTEENTH.

For obtaining true wiſdom.

O Lord, thou giveſt wiſdom to the wiſe, and knowledge to them that know underſtanding. Thou haſt alſo commanded us, that if we deſire wiſdom, we ſhould aſk of thee who giveſt to all men liberally, and upbraideſt not, and it ſhall be given to us. Incline our hearts therefore to hear thy counſel and receive thy inſtruction, that we may be wiſe in our day and in our latter end. May we ſeek for wiſdom as for ſilver, and ſearch for it as for hidden treaſure; that in ſo doing we may underſtand the fear of the Lord, and find the knowledge of God. May we receive thy words, and hide thy commandments within us, that we may

may underſtand righteouſneſs, judgment, and equity, yea and every good path; that we may be directed to walk in the way of good men, and keep the paths of the righteous.

God forbid that we ſhould hate knowledge, or refuſe the fear of the Lord. Let us never reject thy counſel, nor deſpiſe thy reproofs, leaſt we ſhould eat the fruit of our own ways, and be filled with our own devices. Enable us to walk circumſpectly, not as fools, but as wiſe, redeeming the time, becauſe the days are evil. Lord, make us wiſe to that which is good, and ſimple concerning evil, being filled with knowledge, and able to admoniſh one another.

Let us never be wiſe in our own eyes, nor prudent in our own ſight, while the light that is in us is only darkneſs; but may we be fully perſuaded that the fear of the Lord is the only true wiſdom, and that to depart from evil is the beſt underſtanding. May we ſhew out of a good converſation our works with meekneſs of wiſdom, even the wiſdom which is from above, being pure, peaceable, gentle, and eaſy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocriſy. May we carefully ſearch the ſcriptures, which are able to make us wiſe unto ſalvation, that the word of Chriſt may dwell in us richly in all wiſdom; that

that we may be wiſe as ſerpents and harmleſs as doves.

O Lord, thou alone giveſt wiſdom; out of thy mouth cometh knowledge and underſtanding. Grant that we may be filled with the knowledge of thy will, and all wiſdom and ſpiritual underſtanding, that we may walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleaſing, being fruitful in every good work, and encreaſing in the knowledge of God. Lord, make us wiſe to underſtand theſe things, and prudent to do them, that at laſt we may ſhine as the brightneſs of the firmament, and as the ſun itſelf in the kingdom of our father, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

PRAYER NINETEENTH.

For temperance.

WE adore thee, O Lord our God, who art daily loading us with thy benefits, ſatisfying our mouth with good things, allowing us to eat and to drink, and to enjoy the good of all our labour. And ſeeing thy grace, which bringeth ſalvation, teacheth us to live ſoberly; may we be temperate in all things, abſtaining from all exceſs of wine, revellings, banquettings,

quettings, and abominable debaucheries. Let not our table become a ſnare, and a trap, and a ſtumbling block unto us. May we abhor that which is evil, and cleave to that which is good. Let us never count it a pleaſure to riot in the day time, nor ſport ourſelves with our own deceivings; but may we be ſober and vigilant, leaſt at any time our hearts ſhould be over-charged with ſurfeiting and drunkeneſs, and the cares of this world, and death ſhould come upon us unawares.

Enable us, O Lord, to keep under our bodily appetites, and bring them into ſubjection to reaſon, leaſt we ſhould make a God of our bellies, glory in our ſhame, and our end be deſtruction; but may we always remember that they, who commit drunkenneſs and revellings, ſhall not inherit the kingdom of God. Let none of us imagine that our Lord delayeth his coming, and ſo begin to beat our fellow ſervants, and to eat and drink with the drunken, leaſt he ſhould come in a day when we look not for him, and at an hour that we are not aware of, and cut us off in our iniquities, and appoint us our portion with the hypocrites, in the place where the worm dieth not, and where the fire is not quenched.

Grant, O Lord, that we may walk ſoberly as in the day, not in rioting and drunkenneſs, not in chambering and wantonneſs, not in ſtrife and envying; but may we put on

on the Lord Jeſus Chriſt, and make no proviſion for the fleſh to fulfil the luſts thereof. Let none of us think we ſhall have peace, though we walk in the imagination of our hearts to add drunkenneſs to thirſt; for we are aſſured that thou wilt not ſpare them who do ſo, but that thine anger and thy jealouſy will ſmoke againſt them, and all the curſes, that are written in thy law, ſhall lie upon them, and thou wilt blot out their name from under heaven. Grant, that our moderation may be known unto all men, that we may add to our knowledge temperance, and uſe this world as not abuſing it, in hope of eternal life, which thou haſt promiſed through Jeſus Chriſt, our Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

PRAYER TWENTIETH.

For Chaſtity.

O Lord, thine eyes are in every place, beholding the evil and the good. There is no darkneſs nor ſhadow of death, where the workers of iniquity may hide themſelves from thee. Grant therefore, that we may have no fellowſhip with the unfruitful works of darkneſs; remembering that this is the will of God, that we ſhould abſtain from fornication

fornication, that every one of us ſhould know how to poſſeſs our veſſel in ſanctification and honour; not in the luſt of concupiſcence, even as the heathens, who know thee not; for thou haſt not called us to uncleanneſs, but unto holineſs. Let us not deſpiſe thy commandment; but may we keep our hearts with all diligence, that neither evil thoughts, nor adulteries, nor fornications may proceed out of them.

May we with pleaſure retain the knowledge of God in our hearts, that we may be preſerved from vile affections, from a reprobate mind, from fornication and all uncleanneſs; being fully aſſured that they, who do ſuch things, ſhall not inherit the kingdom of God. May we, as pilgrims and ſtrangers upon earth, abſtain from fleſhly luſts, which war againſt the ſoul. Preſerve us, O Lord, from theſe ſins, leaſt we ſhould give our honour unto others, and our years unto the cruel; and leſt we ſhould mourn at laſt, when our fleſh and our body are conſumed with our iniquities. May we remember that our bodies are the temples of the holy ſpirit, which is in us, and which we have of thee; that we are not our own, being bought with a price. May we therefore glorify thee in our bodies, and in our ſpirits which are thine. For this end enable us to mortify our members, which are upon the earth, even fornication, and all uncleanneſs. Let it not be once named amongſt

amongſt us, as becometh ſaints; for we know that no whoremonger, nor unclean perſon hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Chriſt and of God; that becauſe of theſe things thy wrath cometh upon the children of diſobedience. Save us, O Lord, from being partakers with them in their ſins, leaſt we ſhould alſo ſhare in their plagues. Let thy grace be ſufficient for us, and thy ſtrength be made perfect in our weakneſs through Jeſus Chriſt, our Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

PRAYER TWENTY-FIRST.

To be uſed by thoſe, who deſire to be kept from a covetous, worldly-minded diſpoſition.

O Lord, thou art the moſt high God, the poſſeſſor of heaven and earth. The world is thine and the fulneſs thereof; the earth and all that dwell therein. We bleſs thee who haſt out of thine abundant fulneſs given us all things richly to enjoy. Save us, O Lord, we beſeech thee, from loving the world too much, and the things that are in the world. Let us never make gold our hope, nor ſay to the fine gold, thou art our confidence; for we know that riches often make unto themſelves wings, and fly away as an eagle towards,

wards heaven; that they will profit us nothing in the day of wrath, and cannot deliver us in the time of thine anger. Enable us to ſet our affection on things above and not on things on earth. God forbid that we ſhould covet any man's gold, or ſilver, or apparel; but may our own hands miniſter to our neceſſities, and to them that are with us; ſo that, by our own lawful endeavours, we may ſupport the weak, remembering that it is more bleſſed to give than to receive.

May we labour not only for the meat that periſheth, but alſo for that, which ſhall endure unto everlaſting life; being aſſured, that our happineſs conſiſteth not in the abundance of the things that we poſſeſs. Teach us to lay up our treaſures in heaven, where neither moth nor ruſt do corrupt, and where thieves do not break through and ſteal. Save us from being high-minded, and from truſting in uncertain riches. But may we truſt in thee the living God, and be always doing good, being rich in good works, ready to diſtribute, willing to communicate, laying up in ſtore for ourſelves a good foundation againſt the time to come, that we may lay hold upon eternal life.

Preſerve us, O Lord, from the immoderate love of riches, leaſt we ſhould fall into temptation and a ſnare, and into many fooliſh and hurtful luſts, which drown men in deſtruction and perdition. We know that

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it will profit us nothing, tho' we ſhould gain the whole world, and loſe our own ſouls. And if riches ſhould encreaſe with us, let us never ſet our hearts too much upon them, nor diſquiet ourſelves about them; for we know not who ſhall gather them. O may we never exerciſe ourſelves in covetous practices, nor love the ways of unrighteouſneſs. Let neither the cares of this world, nor the deceitfulneſs of riches choak the good word of God, which has been ſown in our hearts; but may we honour thee with our ſubſtance, and make unto ourſelves friends of the mammon of unrighteouſneſs, that, when our heart and our fleſh ſhall fail us, they may receive us into everlaſting habitations. Lord grant that our converſation may be without covetouſneſs; for we are aſſured that no thieves, nor covetous men who are idolaters, nor any extortioners, ſhall ever inherit thy kingdom. May we endeavour to obtain a good name, which is rather to be choſen than great riches, and thy loving favour rather than ſilver and gold; for thine is the kingdom, power, and glory, for ever. *Amen.*

PRAYER

PRAYER TWENTY-SECOND.

For contentment with our lot in this world.

O Lord, thou art the giver of all good; thou openeſt thine hand and ſatisfieſt the wants of every living thing. Thou feedeſt the fowls of the air, provideſt for the fiſhes of the ſea, giveſt to the beaſt his food, and cloatheſt the lillies of the field. Let us not therefore be envious, fretful and diſcontented about food and raiment; for thou knoweſt we ſtand in need of theſe things. Teach us to ſet our affection on things above, not on things on earth, that above all things we may ſeek thy kingdom, and the righteouſneſs thereof, being aſſured that in ſo doing all other things ſhall be added to us. Lord, grant that our converſation may be without covetouſneſs, and may we be content with ſuch things as we have, being careful for nothing, but in every thing by prayer and ſupplication with thankſgiving, making our requeſts known unto thee, caſting all our care upon thee, who careſt for us.

O Lord, if it be good in thy ſight, give us neither poverty nor riches; but feed us with food convenient for us; leaſt, being full, we ſhould deny thee and ſay, who is the Lord?

Lord? Or leaſt, being poor, we ſhould ſteal and take thy name in vain. O let us never complain nor murmur againſt thy providence; but may we learn, in whatſoever ſtate we are, therewith to be content; being aſſured that godlineſs with contentment is great gain. And as we brought nothing into this world with us, and can carry nothing out of it, having food and raiment, may we therewith be content. Let us not be ſlothful in buſineſs, but diligent to provide things honeſt in the ſight of all men. May we always prefer a little with righteouſneſs to great revenues without right; remembering that thou haſt prepared for us in heaven a better and enduring ſubſtance, even an inheritance incorruptible, undefiled, and that fadeth not away. Lord, hear thou in heaven thy dwelling place, and grant the words of our mouth and the meditation of our heart may be acceptable unto thee through Jeſus Chriſt, our Lord and Redeemer. *Amen.*

PRAYER

PRAYER TWENTY-THIRD.

For humility.

O Lord, thou haſt aſſured us that the day is coming when the lofty looks of man ſhall be humbled, and the haughtineſs of men ſhall be bowed down, and when thou alone ſhalt be exalted. Let none of us therefore think of ourſelves more highly than we ought to think; but may we think ſoberly; for every one that is proud is an abomination to thee. All thy works are truth, and thy ways judgment, and thoſe that walk in pride thou art able to abaſe. May we be cloathed with humility by following the example of Jeſus Chriſt, who was meek and lowly in heart; for though thou art high, yet thou haſt reſpect unto the lowly, and wilt dwell with him that is of an humble and contrite ſpirit.

Let us never truſt in ourſelves as being righteous, while we deſpiſe others. O let not our hearts be haughty, nor our eyes lofty. Let us never exerciſe ourſelves in great matters, nor in things too high for us; but may we behave ourſelves as a child that is weaned of his mother. Let our ſouls be as a weaned child, free from all pride and malice;

malice; for we are aſſured that unleſs we humble ourſelves as a little child, we cannot enter into the kingdom of heaven. Preſerve us therefore, O Lord, from pride and arrogance, from ſtrife and vain-glory; but in lowlineſs of mind may each of us eſteem others better than ourſelves.

God, forbid we ſhould be of the number of them that commend themſelves, that are pure in their own eyes, and yet are not waſhed from their filthineſs. May we put on, as becometh the elect of God, humbleneſs of mind, chooſing rather to be of an humble ſpirit with the lowly than to divide the ſpoil with the proud. For this end may we be careful to imitate the example of Jeſus Chriſt, who, being in the form of God, yet made himſelf of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a ſervant; who came not to be miniſtered unto, but to miniſter, and to give his life a ranſom for many. Lord, grant the ſame mind may be in us which was in him, that in following his ſteps we may obtain life everlaſting. *Amen.*

PRAYER TWENTY-FOURTH.

For meekneſs.

O Lord, we acknowledge that every good and perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from thee the Father of lights, with whom is no variableneſs nor ſhadow of turning. We pray that thou wouldſt grant unto us the ornament of a meek and quiet ſpirit. Enable us to put off all anger, wrath, and malice, that we may imitate the example of Jeſus Chriſt, who when he was reviled, reviled not again, and when he ſuffered, threatened not, but committed himſelf to thee, the righteous Judge of all the earth. And if at any time we ſhould be angry, let us neither ſin in our anger, nor let the ſun go down upon our wrath; but may we be peaceable, gentle, and eaſy to be entreated, that, according to thy promiſe, we may inherit the earth, and delight ourſelves in the abundance of peace.

Lord, let us never fret ourſelves becauſe of evil-doers, nor be envious againſt the workers of iniquity; for we know that they ſhall ſoon be cut down like the graſs, and wither as the green herb. May we be careful

ful to walk worthy of the vocation where-with we are called, with all lowlineſs, meek-neſs, and long-ſuffering, being ſlow to wrath, patient towards all men, ready to forgive, wiſe as ſerpents, and harmleſs as doves. And ſeeing thou haſt commanded us to do all theſe things for our good, Lord, incline our hearts to do ſo, that we may ſtand perfect and compleat in all thy will, that we may enjoy everlaſting conſolation and good hope through thy mercy, being eſtabliſhed in every good word and work through Jeſus Chriſt, to whom be glory for ever and ever. *Amen.*

PRAYER TWENTY-FIFTH.

To be kept from bad company.

O Lord, thine eyes run to and fro through the whole earth, beholding the evil and the good. Grant therefore that our ſteps may be ordered by thee, and that we may delight in thy ways. Let not our good manners be corrupted by evil communications; but may we be companions of them that fear thee, and that keep thy commandments. May we avoid the fooliſh, and go in the way of underſtanding. Let us never enter into the path of the wicked, nor go in the way of evil men; but may we be followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promiſes.

Enable us to keep our hearts with all diligence, that we may have no fellowſhip with the unfruitful works of darkneſs. Lord, let us never chooſe the company of vain perſons, nor delight in the congregation of evil-doers, leaſt we ſhould learn their ways, and get a ſnare to our ſouls. Save us from being partakers of their ſins, leaſt we ſhould alſo ſhare in their plagues. But may we walk in the way

way of good men, and keep the path of the righteous. If ſinners ſhould at any time entice us, let us never conſent; but may we endeavour to keep our ſouls pure and unſpotted from the world, that in the end we may become meet for being partakers of the inheritance of the ſaints in eternal honour and glory, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

PART III.

CONTAINING

Occaſional and Interceſſory Prayers.

PRAYER FIRST.

For the Morning.

WE adore thee, O Lord our God, who haſt appointed the ſun for a light by day, whoſe going forth is from the end of the heaven, whoſe circuit is unto the ends of it, and from whoſe heat there is nothing hidden. We bleſs thee, who haſt turned the ſhadow of death into the morning, and cauſed the day ſpring from on high to viſit us. We lay down, we ſlept, and we awoke in ſafety; for thou, Lord, ſuſtained us. As thou haſt kept us from the terrors of the night, preſerve

us alſo from the arrow that flieth by day. Preſerve us, we beſeech thee, in the houſe and in the field, in our going out and coming in. Give us this day our daily bread, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Bleſs all our labours, ſend us good ſpeed this day, and ſhew kindneſs unto us. Keep us in all places whither we go, and bring us home in ſafety, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

PRAYER SECOND.

For the Evening.

WE thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, whoſe goodneſs and mercy have followed us through this day. Thou haſt given us bread to eat, and raiment to put on. Thou haſt preſerved our ſouls in life, our eyes from tears, and our feet from falling. Pardon, we beſeech thee, our iniquities according to the greatneſs of thy mercy. Forgive us our treſpaſſes, as we forgive them that treſpaſs againſt us. O Lord, how manifold are thy works, in wiſdom thou haſt made them all. The day is thine, the night alſo is thine. Thou haſt created the light and the ſun. Thou haſt appointed the moon for

for ſeaſons, the ſun knoweth his going down. Thou makeſt darkneſs, and it is night; but the day and the night are both alike to thee. As thou haſt preſerved us from the arrow that flieth by day, keep us alſo from the terrors of the night. May the eternal God be our refuge, and may thy everlaſting arms protect us. Lord, keep us as the apple of the eye; cover us with the ſhield of thy ſalvation; for thou neither ſlumbereſt nor ſleepeſt; thou fainteſt not, neither art weary. Let no evil befal us, nor any plague come near our dwelling. Grant us ſound ſleep and quiet reſt in our beds until the morning; and when the day and the night ſhall come to an end with us, and we ſhall have ſlept in the duſt of the earth, may we awake to everlaſting life through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

PRAYER THIRD.

For the Lord's Day.

WE adore and bleſs thee, O Lord our God, who haſt raiſed up thy ſon Jeſus from the dead, upon the firſt day of the week, as the firſt fruits of them that ſleep in the duſt of the earth, and that he ſhewed himſelf alive after his paſſion by many infallible proofs, aſſuring us that as he lives, we ſhall live alſo. May we reſt on this day from all our labours, in remembrance of his reſurrection, and in the hope of eternal life through him. Let us not turn away from doing thy pleaſure on this holy day; but may we account the Chriſtian Sabbath a delight, the holy of the Lord, and honour thee with all our hearts, not doing our own ways, nor finding our own pleaſure, nor ſpeaking our own words. Lord, let us never deſpiſe holy things, nor profane the ſabbath; but may we ſeek thee earneſtly on this day, and delight to know thy ways. Let us not forget the aſſembling of ourſelves together, nor forſake the ordinances of our God; but may we take delight in approaching unto thee, that we may learn to fear thee, and to obſerve all the words of thy law; and that our children may hear and learn to fear thee as long as they live.

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We deſire to preſent our bodies a living ſacrifice, holy and acceptable to thee through Jeſus Chriſt. Let none of us flatter thee with our mouth nor lie unto thee with our tongue; but let our hearts be right with thee, and may we always be ſteadfaſt in thy covenant, receiving with meekneſs the engraftword, which is able to ſave our ſouls. Let us not reſt in a form of godlineſs without the power of it, nor be forgetful hearers, but doers of the work, that we may be bleſſed in our deeds, and that, when we ſhall have finiſhed our courſe with joy, we may ſit down with Abraham, Iſaac, and Ja ob, in thy everlaſting kingdom, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

PRAYER FOURTH.

For a faſt day.

O Lord our God, we have reaſon to bluſh and be aſhamed, when we lift up our faces to thee; for our iniquities are encreaſed over our head, and our treſpaſs is grown up unto the heavens. Yet thou haſt puniſhed us leſs than our iniquities deſerve; for thou art gracious and merciful, ſlow to anger and of great

great kindneſs, not willing that any ſhould periſh, but that all ſhould repent and be ſaved. We deſire therefore to turn unto thee with all our heart, with faſting, mourning and ſupplication. Lord turn us and we ſhall be turned; draw us, and we ſhall run after thee. Let us not faſt this day as the hypocrites do, putting on a ſad countenance, and bowing down the head like a bull-ruſh, that we may appear to men to faſt. Neither let us indulge ourſelves in pleaſure, nor exact all our labours. Let us never faſt for ſtrife and debate, to ſmite with the fiſt of wickedneſs; but may we looſe the bands of wickedneſs, undo the heavy burdens, let the oppreſſed go free, and break every ſinful yoke. May we draw out our ſouls to the hungry, and ſatisfy the afflicted ſoul. May we mourn for our ſins as for an only ſon, and be in bitterneſs for them as for a firſt-born, that in ſo doing our light may break forth as the morning, and our righteouſneſs may ſpring forth ſpeedily. God forbid, we ſhould again break thy commandments, and turn again to our iniquities, leaſt thou ſhouldſt be angry with us until thou haſt conſumed us. Behold we are before thee in our treſpaſſes, and our ſins ar not hidden from thy ſight. Be merciful to our unrighteouſneſs, our ſins and our iniquities remember no more; for we are thy ſervants and thy people, whom thou haſt redeemed

deemed by thy great power, and by thy ſtrong hand, and by the blood of thy dear ſon, who was dead and is alive, and liveth for ever more. *Amen.*

PRAYER FIFTH.

For receiving the Lord's Supper.

WE bleſs thee, O Lord our God, that Jeſus Chriſt was wounded for our tranſgreſſions and bruiſed for our iniquities, that his ſoul was made an offering for ſin, that he ſuffered, the juſt for the unjuſt, and gave his life a ranſom for many, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify us to himſelf, a peculiar people zealous of good works. Seeing then Chriſt our paſſover was ſacrificed for us, enable us to keep the feaſt which he has appointed, not with the old leaven of malice and wickedneſs, but with the unleavened bread of ſincerity and truth. Lord, diſpoſe our hearts to ſhew forth his death till he come, by eating of that bread and drinking of that cup which he ordained to be the memorials of his body which was broken, and of his blood which was ſhed for the remiſſion of ſins. May we remember that the cup

cup of bleſſing is the communion of the blood of Chriſt, that the bread which we break is the communion of his body, that we being many are one bread and one body, and that we ought all to be partakers of that one bread, by eating in remembrance of him who gave his fleſh for the life of the world. May we alſo remember that his life profiteth nothing, but that the words which he has ſpoken are ſpirit and life. Grant therefore that whether we eat or drink or whatſoever we do, we may do all to the glory of God, and the honour of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt; that as he ſuffered for ſin, ſo we may die unto ſin and live unto righteouſneſs; that, as he loved us and gave himſelf for us, ſo we may love one another with pure hearts fervently; that as he roſe again from the dead, ſo we may walk in newneſs of life. Lord, enable us to be ſtedfaſt and immovable in theſe reſolutions, leaſt by eating and drinking unworthily, we ſhould eat and drink condemnation to ourſelves, not diſcerning the Lord's body. Hear us, O Lord, we beſeech thee, for thine is the kingdom, power and glory for ever. *Amen.*

PRAYER

PRAYER SIXTH.

For rain and a fruitful ſeaſon.

O Lord, the eyes of all creatures wait upon thee, and thou giveſt them meat in due ſeaſon. Cauſe thy rain, we beſeech thee, to come down from heaven to water the earth, and make it bring forth and bud, that it may give ſeed to the ſower and bread to the eater. Grant unto us the former and the latter rain in their ſeaſon, that we may eat in plenty and be ſatisfied, and praiſe thy name as long as we live upon the earth.

PRAYER SEVENTH.

For the ſame.

WE thank thee, O Lord our God, who haſt appointed the ſeed time and harveſt, the cold and heat, the ſummer and winter, the day and night, to ſucceed each other. Grant, we beſeech thee, that the ſeed may be proſperous, that the ground may give her encreaſe, and that the heavens may give dew and rain in their ſeaſon. Lord, viſit the earth and water it, make it ſoft with ſhowers, bleſs the ſpringing thereof, crown the year with thy goodneſs, and let all thy paths drop fatneſs, that with grateful hearts and in the hope of better things we may always rejoice in the Lord, and be glad in the God of our ſalvation.

PRAYER EIGHTH.

For the ſame, in the ſpring.

WE bleſs thee, O Lord, that the winter is paſt, that the ſtorms are over and gone, that the flowers appear upon the earth, and that the time of the ſinging of birds is come. Lord, bleſs the huſbandman, ſtrengthen his cattle to labour, teach him wiſdom and diſcretion. Cauſe thy ſun to ſhine, and thy rain to fall upon the land. Make the ſhowers to come down in their ſeaſon, that the trees of the field may yield their fruit, and the earth her encreaſe. Do thou miniſter bread for our food, and multiply our ſeed ſown, and encreaſe the fruits of our labour, that we may be enabled to honour thee with our ſubſtance, by giving to him that needeth, and may continually praiſe thy name who art daily loading us with thy benefits.

PRAYER NINTH.

For the ſame.

LORD, thou haſt never left thyſelf without witneſs, in that thou doeſt good unto all, giving us rain from heaven and fruitful ſeaſons, filling our hearts with food and gladneſs. We pray that the earth, which drinketh in the rain that cometh oft upon it, and bringeth forth herbs meet for them by whom it is dreſſed, may receive thy bleſſing, and yield its fruits in abundance. Lord, open to us thy good treaſure, and bleſs the work of our hands. Reſerve unto us the appointed weeks of the harveſt, that we may have bread to eat and raiment to put on, that we may rejoice in every good thing which thou haſt given us, and may ſerve thee in righteouſneſs and holineſs all the days of our lives.

PRAYER TENTH.

Thankſgiving when the harveſt is gathered in.

O Lord, thou openeſt thy hand and ſatisfieſt the wants of every living thing. Thou haſt made the graſs to grow for our cattle, and corn for the ſervice of man. Our land has yielded her encreaſe; we have bread to the full, and dwell in ſafety. Thou haſt crowned the year with thy goodneſs. We thank thee, O Lord our God, for the precious things of heaven, for the light and heat of the ſun, the rain, the dew, and the wind which cometh from thy treaſure. We bleſs thee for the precious fruits brought forth by the ſun and moon; for the precious things of the earth and fulneſs thereof. We pray for thy bleſſing upon our baſket and our ſtore. Bleſs, we beſeech thee, the fruit of our bodies and the fruit of our ground, the fruit of our cattle, the encreaſe of our flocks, and all the labour of our hands. Lord, let us never turn thy grace into laſciviouſneſs, nor conſume thy benefits upon our own luſts; but may we be temperate in all things, living ſoberly, righteouſly, and piouſly, in this preſent world.

PRAYER ELEVENTH.

For the king and all inferior magiſtrates.

O Thou moſt high God, by whom kings reign, and princes decree juſtice, we beſeech thee, give the king thy judgments, and thy righteouſneſs unto the king's ſon. Enable him to judge thy people with righteouſneſs, and thy poor with equity. May he ſave the children of the needy, and break in pieces the oppreſſor, that the righteous may flouriſh in his days, and peace be eſtabliſhed in his dominions. We pray that by thy wiſdom our princes may rule, and our nobles and all the judges of the land. May they deliver the poor when they cry, and the fatherleſs, and them that have none to help them. Enable them to break the jaws of the wicked, and to pluck the ſpoil out of his teeth. Make them eyes to the blind, feet to the lame, fathers to the poor, and the cauſe which they know not may they carefully ſearch out, that the bleſſing of them that are ready to periſh may come upon them, and the widow's heart may ſing with joy. Hear us, O Lord, we beſeech thee, for thine is the kingdom, power and glory for ever. *Amen.*

PRAYER

PRAYER TWELFTH.

For the ſame.

O Lord God Almighty, thou ruleſt over the kingdoms of men, and giveſt them to whomſoever thou wilt. We pray thou wouldſt give to thy ſervant, our king, a wiſe and underſtanding heart to rule thy people, and to diſcern between good and evil on all occaſions. Let mercy and truth uphold him, and may his throne be eſtabliſhed in righteouſneſs. Grant that all who are in authority under him and over us, may execute judgment and righteouſneſs, and deliver the ſpoiled out of the hand of the oppreſſor. Direct them by thy counſel, that they may do no wrong to the ſtranger, the fatherleſs, nor the widow, neither ſhed innocent blood in the land. Lord, make our officers peace, and our exactors righteouſneſs, that violence may not be heard in our land, nor waſting and deſtruction within our borders. Make them a terror to evil-doers, and a praiſe to them that do well, that peace and truth may be in our days.

PRAYER THIRTEENTH.

For the ſame.

O Lord our God, the hearts of kings are in thy hand; as the rivers of water thou turneſt them whitherſoever thou wilt. We pray that thou wouldſt grant wiſdom to the king, that he may reign in righteouſneſs, and to his counſellors, that they may rule in judgment, that all of them may be a bleſſing to thy people, as an hiding place from the wind, a covert from the tempeſt, as rivers of water in a dry place, and as the ſhadow of a great rock in a weary land. Grant that judgment may dwell in our cities, and righteouſneſs in all our villages and habitations, that the work of righteouſneſs may be peace, and the effect of righteouſneſs quietneſs and aſſurance for ever. For this end may we all be ſubject to the higher powers, not only for wrath, but alſo for conſcience ſake. And ſeeing thou haſt ordained them to be thy miniſters for our good, may we chearfully render to all their dues, even tribute, cuſtom, fear, honour, and due obedience, that in all things we may adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour.

PRAYER FOURTEENTH.

For the ſame.

LORD, thou haſt commanded, that ſupplications, prayers, interceſſions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, for kings and all that are in authority. We therefore, in obedience to thy will, pray for him, whom thou haſt appointed king over us. Grant that his throne may be eſtabliſhed in mercy; may he ſeek judgment and haſten righteouſneſs, that the extortioner may be at an end, that the ſpoiler may ceaſe, and the oppreſſors may be conſumed out of the land. Lord diſappoint the deſigns of all thoſe that decree unrighteous decrees, and that write grievouſneſs, which they have preſcribed, to turn aſide the needy from judgment, to take away the right from the poor of thy people, that widows may be their prey, and that they may rob the fatherleſs. Diſappoint the devices of the crafty, and let not their hands perform their enterprize. Lord, direct and aſſiſt all ranks of men, under the king, even the mighty men, and the men of war, the judges, the prudent and the ancient, the captains and the honourable men, the counſellors, the eloquent orators, and the ſkilful artificers. May they all agree in their

their ſeveral ſtations to promote the public happineſs, that by well doing they may put to ſilence the ignorance of fooliſh men, and that we may all lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godlineſs and honeſty, having our conduct good and acceptable in the ſight of God our Saviour.

PRAYER FIFTEENTH.

For the miniſters of the Goſpel.

WE adore and bleſs thee, O Lord our God, who haſt appointed paſtors and teachers, for the perfecting of the ſaints, for the work of the miniſtry, for the edifying of the body of Chriſt, 'till we all come in the unity of faith, and of the knowledge of the ſon of God, unto a perfect man, unto the meaſure of the ſtature of the fulneſs of Chriſt. Grant that they may be examples to the believers in word, in converſation, in charity, in ſpirit, in faith and purity. May they take heed unto themſelves and unto their doctrines, to continue in them, that in ſo doing they may both ſave themſelves, and them that hear them. May they ſtudy to ſhew themſelves approved unto God, workmen

men that need not be aſhamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. Lord, bleſs their labours, that the goſpel may have free courſe and be glorified; and that every one, that nameth the name of Jeſus, may depart from iniquity.

PRAYER SIXTEENTH.

For the ſame.

LORD, bleſs the miniſters of the goſpel; enable them to renounce the hidden things of diſhoneſty, not walking in craftineſs, nor handling the word of God deceitfully; but by manifeſtation of the truth may they commend themſelves to every man's conſcience in the ſight of God. Enable them to preach the word faithfully, to reprove, to rebuke, and to exhort with all long ſuffering and doctrine. May they be gentle towards all men, apt to teach, patient, in meekneſs inſtructing thoſe that oppoſe them; that by thy grace they may obtain repentance to the acknowledging of the truth, and may be recovered from the ſnares of the devil. O let thy grace be ſufficient for them, and thy ſtrength be made perfect in their weak-

neſs, that they may preach the kingdom of God faithfully, and teach thoſe things which concern the Lord Jeſus Chriſt, that in ſo doing they may turn many to righteouſneſs, and ſhine as the ſtars for ever and ever.

PRAYER SEVENTEENTH.

For the ſame.

GOD, be gracious to all the teachers of religion. Grant they may be faithful in the diſcharge of their duty, by teſtifying to all men repentance towards God, and faith toward our Lord Jeſus Chriſt, keeping back nothing that may be profitable to the people; but declaring to the utmoſt of their power the whole counſel of God, that they may be clear from the blood of all men. Lord, grant they may take heed unto themſelves, and to all the flock over which they are appointed; to feed the church of Chriſt which he hath purchaſed with his own blood. May they be careful to approve themſelves as the miniſters of Chriſt, by purity, by knowledge, by long ſuffering, by kindneſs, by love unfeigned, by the word of truth, by the armour of righteouſneſs on the right hand

hand and on the left. Incline their hearts to feed thy flock, which is among them, willingly, not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind; neither as being lords over thy heritage, but being enſamples to the flock, that when the chief ſhepherd ſhall appear, they may receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away.

PRAYER EIGHTEENTH.

For the ſame.

LORD, grant that all the teachers of religion may hold faſt the faithful word, as it was once delivered to the ſaints, that they may be able by ſound doctrine both to exhort and convince the gainſayers. Preſerve them, O Lord, from teaching things, which they ought not, for filthy lucre's ſake; but in all things may they ſhew themſelves paterns of good works, in doctrine ſhewing incorruptneſs, gravity, ſincerity, and ſound ſpeech, which cannot be condemned, that the ungodly may be aſhamed, having no evil thing to ſay of them. God bleſs their labours, that they, who err in ſpirit, may come to a right underſtanding, and they, that murmur at the goſpel, may ſee its truth and

carefully obey it. May their light ſo ſhine before men, that others, ſeeing their good works, may glorify thee our heavenly father, and may have many for a crown of rejoicing in the day of the Lord Jeſus Chriſt, to whom be glory and dominion now and for ever. *Amen.*

PRAYER NINETEENTH.

For the converſion of the Jews.

LORD, haſten the time when thou wilt pour upon thine ancient people, the Jews, the ſpirit of grace and ſupplication, when they ſhall look upon him whom they have pierced, and ſhall mourn for him as one mourneth for his only ſon, and be in bitterneſs for him as one that is in bitterneſs for his firſt born. Lord, haſten the time when thou wilt ſet thy hand again the ſecond time to recover the remnant of thy people, which are ſcattered over the face of the earth; when thou wilt ſet up an enſign for the nations, and aſſemble the outcaſts of Iſrael, and gather together the diſperſed of Judah from the four corners of the earth. Lord, remember thy holy covenant;

venant; turn their captivity, and have compaſſion upon them, that being delivered from unbelief and out of the hands of their enemies, they may ſerve thee without fear, in righteouſneſs and holineſs all the days of their life.

PRAYER TWENTIETH.

For the ſame.

LORD, have compaſſion on the Jews, the ſeed of Abraham thy friend. Haſten the day, when thou wilt have mercy on Jacob, and chooſe Iſrael again, when thou wilt give them reſt from their ſorrow, and from their fear, and from the hard bondage, wherewith thou haſt made them to ſerve for their iniquities. Lord, ſend the redeemer out of Sion to turn away ungodlineſs from Jacob; that as Chriſt has been a light to enlighten the Gentiles, ſo he may be the glory of thy people Iſrael, and reign over the houſe of Jacob for ever and ever.

PRAYER TWENTY-FIRST.

For the converſion of all nations.

GOD, be merciful to us and bleſs us, and cauſe thy face to ſhine upon us, that thy way may be known upon earth, and thy ſaving health among all nations. Have compaſſion on the dark places of the earth, that are full of the habitations of cruelty. Let the people that walk in darkneſs ſee thy light, and upon them that dwell in the land of the ſhadow of death, let the ſun of righteouſneſs ariſe with healing in his wings. Lord, haſten the time, when ſtrife and contention, hatred and perſecution, ſhall ceaſe through the chriſtian world; when all nations, whom thou haſt made, ſhall come and worſhip before thee, and ſhall glorify thy name; when there ſhall be none to hurt or deſtroy in all thy holy mountain; and when the whole earth ſhall be full of the knowledge of God as the waters cover the ſea. God bleſs thy church with truth and righteouſneſs. Be thou unto her as a wall of fire round about, and the glory in the midſt of her.

PRAYER TWENTY-SECOND.

For the ſame.

O Lord, we pray that the Goſpel may have free courſe and be glorified; that from the riſing of the ſun unto the going down of the ſame thy name may be great among the Gentiles: For ſo thou haſt promiſed in ancient times; yea thou haſt ſworn by thyſelf (the word is gone out of thy mouth, and ſhall not return) that unto thee every knee ſhall bow, and every tongue confeſs. Lord, haſten the happy time, when all the ends of the earth ſhall remember and turn to thee, when all the kindreds of the nations ſhall worſhip before thee; for the kingdom is thine, and thou art the governour among the nations. We pray that the goſpel may be preached to every creature, that thy ſon may enjoy all the heathens for his inheritance, and the uttermoſt parts of the earth for his poſſeſſion.

PRAYER TWENTY-THIRD.

For the ſame.

LORD, haſten the time when Jeſus Chriſt ſhall judge among the nations, and rebuke many people afar off; when they ſhall beat their ſwords into plow-ſhares, and their ſpears into pruning-hooks; when nation ſhall not lift up a ſword againſt nation, and when they ſhall learn war no more. For this end we pray, that the man of ſin and ſon of perdition may be conſumed by the ſpirit of thy mouth, and be deſtroyed by the brightneſs of thy coming; that the kingdom and dominion, and the greatneſs of the kingdom under the whole heaven may be given to thy people, and that all dominions may ſerve and obey thee for ever and ever. *Amen.*

PRAYER TWENTY-FOURTH.

For the ſame.

O Lord our God, we pray that the Goſpel may have free courſe and be glorified, that righteouſneſs and praiſe may ſpring forth before all nations. Lord, haſten the time when peace and truth ſhall every where prevail; when the wolf and the lamb ſhall feed together; when the lion ſhall eat ſtraw like the bullock, and duſt ſhall be the ſerpent's meat; when there ſhall be none to hurt nor deſtroy in all thy holy mountain. We pray for the coming of thy kingdom, when thy will ſhall be done on earth as it is in heaven; when thou wilt take unto thee thy great power, and reign over all nations; when all the kingdoms of the world ſhall be glad, and rejoice, and give honour to thee who reigneſt ever and ever.

PRAYER TWENTY-FIFTH.

For the ſame.

LORD, haſten that happy day, when the myſtery of God ſhall be finiſhed as thou haſt declared to thy ſervants the prophets, even the times of the reſtitution of all things, when the Lord ſhall be king over all the earth, when there ſhall be only one Lord, and his name one; when all the kingdoms of the world ſhall become thy kingdom, and the kingdoms of thine anointed Jeſus, who ſhall reign for ever and ever. *Amen.*

PRAYER TWENTY-SIXTH.

For good men.

SAVE thy people, O Lord, and bleſs thine inheritance; guide and defend them for ever. O continue thy loving kindneſs unto them, that know thee, and thy right-eouſneſs to the upright in heart. Bleſs all that fear thee, both ſmall and great; encreaſe their number more and more. Let all thoſe, that

that put their truſt in thee, rejoice, becauſe thou defendeſt them. Let them alſo that loveſt thy name, be joyful in thee. Lord, bleſs all the righteous; let thy favour compaſs them as a ſhield.

PRAYER TWENTY-SEVENTH.

For the ſame.

LORD, let the wickedneſs of the wicked come to an end; but eſtabliſh the juſt; for thou art the righteous governor of the world; thou trieſt the hearts and the reins. Do good, O Lord, unto thoſe that are good, and to them that are upright in their hearts. Let them, that love thee, be as the ſun, when he goeth forth in his ſtrength. Keep them in perfect peace, whoſe minds are ſtaid upon thee, becauſe they truſt in thee. Let all thoſe, that ſeek thee, rejoice and be glad in thee. Let ſuch as love thy ſalvation be preſerved from evil. Lord, preſerve, and keep them alive, and let them be bleſſed upon the earth. Deliver them not into the will of their enemies; ſtrengthen them upon the bed of languiſhing. May the eternal God be their refuge, and underneath thy everlaſting arms to ſupport them. Lord, give them bread

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to eat and raiment to put on; be their ſun and ſhield; give them grace here, and glory hereafter through Jeſus Chriſt.

PRAYER TWENTY-EIGHTH.

For wicked men.

KEEP us, O Lord, from the hands of the wicked; preſerve us from the violent, the deceitful and unjuſt man. Grant not, O Lord, the deſires of the wicked; further not their wicked devices, leaſt they exalt themſelves. Hide us from the ſecret counſels of the wicked; defend us from the workers of iniquity. Lord, open their eyes, that they may ſeriouſly conſider their evil doings, and turn from their wickedneſs, leaſt they ſhould die and periſh in their iniquities. Lord, ſet their ſins in order before them, that they may loath themſelves for the evils, which they have committed in all their abominations, and may fly ſpeedily from the wrath to come.

PRAYER

PRAYER TWENTY-NINTH.

For the ſame.

LORD, deliver us not into the power of the ungodly, and turn us not over into the hands of the wicked. O deliver us from the deceitful and unjuſt man; for thou art the God of our ſtrength. Let thine adverſaries be cloathed with ſhame; let the wicked be covered with confuſion as with a mantle. Ariſe, O Lord, againſt the houſe of the evil doers, and againſt the help of them that work iniquity. Let them never proſper in their wickedneſs. Have mercy, we beſeech thee, on thoſe who are in the gall of bitterneſs and in the bond of iniquity. Grant, they may repent of their wickedneſs, and pray earneſtly that the thoughts of their hearts, and the actions of their lives may be forgiven them; for thou haſt no pleaſure in the death of the wicked; but wouldſt rather that he ſhould turn and live.

PRAYER THIRTIETH.

For the ſame.

LORD, preſerve us from the power of thoſe men, whoſe mouth is full of curſing and bitterneſs, who know not the way of peace, and have not the fear of God before their eyes. Deliver us from the hand of the wicked, from the hand of the unrighteous and cruel man. Let not our ſouls come into their ſecret, nor our honour be united to their aſſembly. Let not their evil communication corrupt our good manners. Preſerve us from joining in their ſins leaſt we ſhould alſo be partakers in their plagues. Grant they may repent and flee from the wrath to come, by bringing forth fruits meet for repentance. Lord, enable them to ſeek thee, whilſt thou mayeſt be found, and to call upon thee, whilſt thou art near, being aſſured, that in ſo doing thou wilt have mercy upon them, and pardon their iniquities.

PRAYER THIRTY-FIRST.

For Enemies.

DELIVER us, O Lord, from our enemies; defend us from them that hate us; deliver us from the workers of iniquity, and ſave us from the malice of the wicked; for hitherto thou haſt been our defence, and refuge in the day of trouble. O Lord our God, we truſt in thee; let us not be aſhamed; let not our enemies triumph over us, yea, let none, that wait upon thee, be aſhamed. Let them be aſhamed, who tranſgreſs without cauſe. Preſerve us from indulging hatred and revenge. Let us not rejoice when our enemies fall into wickedneſs, and let not our hearts be glad when they ſtumble, leaſt thou ſee it and it diſpleaſe thee. Let us not be overcome of evil, but may we overcome evil with good.

PRAYER THIRTY-SECOND.

For the ſame.

O Lord, thou knoweſt our fooliſhneſs, and our ſins are not hidden from thy ſight. Thou knoweſt our reproach, our ſhame, and our diſhonour; our adverſaries are all before thee. Lord, ſave us from our enemies, and from the hand of all that hate us, that we may ſerve thee without fear in holineſs and righteouſneſs all the days of our lives. Lord, diſpoſe us to forgive our enemies. May we never rejoice at their deſtruction, nor ſuffer our mouth to ſin by wiſhing a curſe on their ſouls. Enable us, according to the commandment and example of our Lord, to love our enemies, to bleſs them that curſe us, to do good to them that hate us, and to pray for them that deſpitefully uſe us and perſecute us; that in ſo doing we may be like thee, our heavenly father, who makeſt thy ſun to riſe on the evil and on the good, and ſendeſt rain on the juſt and on the unjuſt. Lord, turn the hearts of our enemies that they may love us. And do thou forgive them, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

PRAYER

PRAYER THIRTY-THIRD.

For the ſick and the afflicted.

O Lord our days are determined; the number of our months are with thee; thou haſt appointed our bounds that we cannot paſs. Thou deſtroyeſt the vain hopes of man; thou prevaileſt for ever againſt him, and he paſſeth; thou changeſt his countenance and ſendeſt him into the land of forgetfulneſs. Lord, be merciful to them, who are bound in fetters, and held in cords of affliction. Diſcover unto them their tranſgreſſions; open their ears to diſcipline, and enable them to return from iniquity. Rebuke them not in thine anger, neither chaſten them in thy hot diſpleaſure. Have mercy upon them, O Lord; ſave them for thy mercies ſake; for in death there is no remembrance of thee, in the grave who ſhall give thee thanks. Spare them, O Lord, that they may recover ſtrength before they go hence, and be no more.

PRAYER THIRTY-FOURTH.

For the ſame.

O Lord be merciful to them who are chaſtened with pain upon their beds, whoſe ſoul draweth near unto the grave, and their life to the deſtroyers. Save them from going down to the pit. Look upon their affliction and their pain, and forgive all their ſins. Grant that in their trouble they may viſit thee, and pour out their prayers, when thy chaſtening is upon them; for thou haſt never deſpiſed nor abhorred the affliction of the afflicted, neither haſt thou hidden thy face, when they cried unto thee. We pray, O Lord, if it ſeem good in thy ſight, that thou wouldſt deliver them from the pit of corruption, and caſt all their iniquities behind thy back. But if they muſt die at this time, Lord, grant that their life may be hidden with Chriſt in thee the fountain of all life, ſo that when Chriſt, who is our life, ſhall appear, they alſo may appear with him in glory, honour and immortality.

PRAYER THIRTY-FIFTH.

For the ſame.

LORD, pity them who mourn under ſickneſs and ſore affliction; turn their mourning into joy, comfort them, and make them to rejoice from their ſorrow. Correct them in mercy, not in thine anger, leaſt thou bring them to nothing. Lord, caſt them not off for ever. Though thou haſt afflicted them, yet have compaſſion upon them, according to the multitude of thy mercies; for thou doſt not afflict willingly, nor grieve the children of men. Let them not deſpiſe thy chaſtning, neither be weary of thy correction; but may they remember that whom thou loveſt thou correcteſt, even as a father the ſon in whom he delighteth. Lord, fortify their minds againſt the fear of death, with the hope of a reſurrection, when they ſhall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the ſons of God.

PRAYER THIRTY-SIXTH.

For the ſame.

O Lord, we deſire to remember with compaſſion them that are in bonds of affliction, and all them who ſuffer adverſity, being ourſelves alſo in the body. Lord, be their ſtrength, their fortreſs, and their refuge in the day of trouble. Teach them to know their end, and the meaſure of their days, that they may know how frail they are. Deliver them from all their tranſgreſſions, remove thy ſtroke away from them, leaſt they be conſumed by the blow of thy hand; for when thou with rebukes doſt correct man for iniquity, thou makeſt his beauty to conſume away like a moth. O turn unto them and have mercy upon them; give them ſtrength to recover, and ſave them from the pit of corruption. Correct them not in thy wrath, leaſt thou bring them to nothing; but chaſten them for their profit, that they may be partakers of thy holineſs, and bring forth the peaceable fruits of righteouſneſs in their life and converſation. But, if thou haſt determined that they ſhall die, grant they may die in the Lord, reſt from their labours, and receive the end of their faith, even the ſalvation of their ſouls.

PRAYER

PRAYER THIRTY-SEVENTH.

For the poor, the widow, and fatherleſs.

O Lord, we beſeech thee, deliver the poor that cry, and the fatherleſs, and them that have none to help them. Preſerve them that are ready to periſh, and cauſe the widow's heart to ſing for joy. Redeem them from deceit and violence; break the jaws of the wicked, and pluck the ſpoil out of his teeth. O deliver the poor in their affliction, and open their ears in oppreſſion. Comfort the mourners, give unto them beauty for aſhes, the oyl of joy for mourning, and the garments of praiſe for the ſpirit of heavineſs. Let not the needy be always forgotten, nor the expectation of the poor periſh for ever. Deliver them from the hand of evil doers, prepare of thy goodneſs for them, and may they always truſt in thee.

PRAYER THIRTY-EIGHTH.

For the ſame purpoſe.

LORD, deſpiſe not the prayer of the deſtitute; hear the groaning of the priſoner; maintain the cauſe of the afflicted, and defead the right of the poor. O let not the oppreſſed return aſhamed: let the poor and needy praiſe thy name. Lord, bleſs our proviſion, and ſatisfy our poor with bread. Let none of us oppreſs the widow and fatherleſs, nor turn aſide the ſtranger from his right. May the poor of this world be rich in faith, and heirs of the kingdom which thou haſt promiſed to them that love thee. Lord, incline our hearts to pity and relieve them, being aſſured that though they cannot recompenſe us, we ſhall be recompenſed at the reſurrection of the juſt.

PRAYER THIRTY-NINTH.

For the rich.

LORD, teach them that are rich in this world, not to be high minded, nor truſt in uncertain riches, but in thee the living God, who giveſt us richly all things to enjoy. Incline them to do good, that they may be rich

rich in good works, ready to diſtribute, willing to communicate, laying up in ſtore for themſelves a good foundation againſt the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life. May they be careful to make unto themſelves friends of the mammon of unrighteouſneſs, that when they fail, they may be received into everlaſting habitations. Diſpoſe them to honour thee with their ſubſtance, to help the poor and needy who cannot recompenſe them, in the aſſured hope of a recompence at the reſurrection of the juſt. God, forbid they ſhould waſte their ſubſtance with riotous living, or encreaſe their wealth by acts of injuſtice and oppreſſion, but may they have compaſſion on the poor, draw out their ſouls to the hungry, cloath the naked with a garment, and ſatisfy the afflicted ſoul, that ſo their light may riſe in obſcurity, their darkneſs be as the noon day, and their inheritance be at laſt in that kingdom which thou haſt prepared from the foundation of the world.

PRAYER

PRAYER FORTIETH.

For Parents.

GOD, be gracious to all parents; enable them to train up their children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. For this end may they take heed to themſelves, and keep their ſouls diligently, leaſt they forget the things which they have heard and learned. May they teach their children and their houſhold to fear thee, to keep thy way, to do juſtice and judgment, that thy bleſſing may be upon them and upon their offspring. May the rod of correction, the reproofs of inſtruction, and their own good examples, give wiſdom to their children, and preſerve their ſouls from ſhame. May they be diligent in buſineſs, fervent in ſpirit, ſerving the Lord, and providing things honeſt in the ſight of all men.

PRAYER FORTY-FIRST.

For children and youth.

O Lord, pour down thy ſpirit upon our ſeed, and thy bleſſing upon our offſpring. Grant they may ſpring up as the graſs, and as the willow by the water-courſes. May they be among that ſeed that ſhall ſerve thee, and declare thy righteouſneſs to a generation yet unborn. Lord, diſpoſe the riſing generation to remember thee their creator in the days of their youth, while the evil days come not, and the years draw nigh when they ſhall have no pleaſure in them. Incline their hearts to ſobriety and induſtry; preſerve them from youthful luſts and evil communications. May their ways be directed by taking heed thereto according to thy word. Teach them to ſhew piety at home, to requite their parents, to honour their father and mother, that it may be well with them, and their days may be long upon the earth. Lord, be a father unto the fatherleſs; may they be thy ſons and daughters, born again not of corruptible ſeed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God which liveth and abideth for ever.

PRAYER FORTY-SECOND.

For husbands and wives.

LORD, enable all husbands to love their wives, even as Christ loved the church; not to be bitter against them, but to dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honour to them as the weaker vessel, and living together as heirs of the grace of life. Grant they may be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forbearing one another, and forgiving one another in love. And as thou hast been witness to that covenant, whereby they were made both one, may they take heed to their spirits, least they deal treacherously with one another. Grant that the wives may love their husbands, be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good and obedient to their own husbands, having the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, that at last they may be accounted worthy to obtain that world where there shall be no marrying nor giving in marriage, no sin nor any more death; but where all thy saints shall be equal to the angels that are in heaven.

PRAYER

PRAYER FORTY-THIRD.

For maſters and ſervants.

LORD, teach and incline all ſervants to be obedient to them that are their maſters according to the fleſh, with fear and trembling, in ſingleneſs of heart, as unto Chriſt, not with eye-ſervice as men pleaſers, but as the ſervants of Chriſt, doing the will of God from the heart, with good will doing ſervice to thee and not to men, ſhewing all good fidelity, that they may adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things. Lord, grant tha all maſters may do the like unto them, knowing that their maſter is in heaven, that there is no reſpect of perſons with thee, that thou regardeſt not the rich more than the poor, but wilt render unto every man according to his works.

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